

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

October 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on October 10, 2019 at 2:13 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe, III
Jim Durrett
William "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan C. Glover
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
John 'Al' Pond
Rita A. Scott
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Elizabeth O'Neill (Acting); C-Suite Team Members – Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief of Bus Operations Collie Greenwood, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hurley (Interim), Chief Counsel Jonathan Hunt (Acting), Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax and Chief of Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Heather Alhadeff, Sherrie Johnson (Acting), Torrey Kirby (Acting), James Sibert (Interim), Emil Tzanov and Thomas Young (Interim); Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Paula Nash; Senior Directors Lyle Harris (Contractor), Jennifer Jinadu-Wright, Erica Pines, Jacob Vallo, Don Williams and George Wright; Directors Donna DeJesus, David Emory, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Douglas Miller and Adam Shumaker; Manager Stephany Fisher; Manager MARTA Board of Directors Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Keri Lee. Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Ed Bishop, Adrien Carter, Ralph Clinton, Abebe Girmay, Cedric Griffin, Tamara Hunte, Courtne Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope, Rod Spencer and Nicholas Waters.

Others in attendance were Robert Highsmith and Koko K Lewis of Holland & Knight; Michelle Alexander of the Collaborative Firm; Pam Alexander of LTK Engineering; Lucy Andre of Stadler; Amanda Chatman; Karl Dix of Smith, Currie & Handcock, LLP; Doug Edwards of MA/Atlas; Joel Edwards of ATL; Scott Haggard of ATL; Michael Hightower of The Collaborative Firm; Paul Jones; Marilyn Karwoski; Maggie Lee of Saporta Report; Keith

Parker of Clayton County Citizens Advisory Group; Matthew Porter of Smith, Currie & Handcock, LLP; Martin Ritter of Stadler; Marcellus Rowe; Jens Stegar of Stadler; Sydney Stroud; Judith Sullivan; Marshall Thomas City of Atlanta; David Wickert of *The AJC* and Sherry B. Williams of Georgia Standup.

Public Comment

Mr. Karl Dix. Thanked MARTA staff for providing service to patrons throughout the Authority's service area.

Ms. Marilyn Karwoski. Expressed concern regarding modifications to Route 19. This Route was modified to service the East Lake Station. The modification does not allow the bus to run forty-five minutes in between stations on Sundays. Being that the previous Route 33 has been removed from service, it is important that Route 19 will not decrease service from Chamblee Station.

Ms. Judith Sullivan. A native from Manhattan, NY and a current Georgia resident. MARTA's bus service is great, however, the MARTA App is not accurate with the service. Often, the bus does not show up on tracker via the MARTA APP. There was an incident in which the bus did not show up on the APP and I made the decision to order a Lyft. Once Lyft arrived, the bus showed up too. Also, the APP displays that the bus is further away then expected. This is an inconvenience that causes patrons to miss the bus.

Amanda Chatman. It is not fair that Public Commenters are limited to two minutes to speak when the Board Meeting does not start on time. Modify the meeting to start at a later time. Also, the railcars are not up to par and should be considered for replacement.

Ms. Sydney Stroud. A citizen and tax payer of Clayton County. Proposed two new bus routes within the Clayton County area. Clayton County is one the newer counties to join the MARTA bus line. Being that the route is new, there is room for improvements. Please consider two routes which include Route 197 and Route 198. These routes would start in Rex, continue through Morrow, Forest Park, Atlanta, College Park and East Point, GA.

Mr. Paul Jones. There is a tollway called the East Atlanta Bus Way and it was never built. There was a tollway going up Highway 78, but it was converted to rail line. I respectfully ask that the MARTA Board revise the Fifteenth Amendment to remove the East Atlanta Bus Way and Highway 78 Tollway from the engineering report.

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported the Planning & External Relations Committee met on September 26, 2019 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020, Bus, Rail and Mobility Service Standards

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present. **A copy of the resolution, AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a. Proposed Service Modifications for December 2019
- b. Communication Strategy
- c. MARTA Breeze Outreach Program Update
- d. 15th Amendment Update

Operations & Safety Committee Report

On behalf of Mr. Griffin, Ms. Ivey reported the Operations & Safety Committee met on September 26, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Non-Revenue Vehicles, IFB B43297
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Fleet Card Services, RFP P44378 Utilizing the State of Georgia Contract
- c. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Authorization for Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene Consulting Services AE 24109

On motion by Ms. Ivey seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolutions were approved by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a. Mobility Past, Present and Future
- b. Rail Car Program Update

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Durrett reported that the Business Management Committee met on September 26, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Revisions to MARTA Drug and Alcohol Policy
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of Drug Alcohol Software, RFP P43284
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Validation of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000,000 In One or More Series

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of New Rail Cars, RFP P38186

On motion by Mr. Worthy seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolution was removed from the Agenda by a unanimous vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

Resolution Approving the Fifteenth Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was moved forward to the November meeting by a unanimous vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.

Other Matters

Ms. O'Neill requested Board approval in the matter of McRae vs. MARTA, Fulton County Superior Court action 2017 CV04534, for a settlement in the amount of \$240K.

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Ms. Ivey, the settlement was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:30 p.m.