

## **MINUTES**

### **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**September 10, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on September 10, 2012 at 1:35 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **Board Members Present**

Juanita Jones Abernathy  
Robert L. Ashe III  
Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Keith Golden  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman  
Jannine Miller\*  
Adam D. Orkin

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D.; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight Ferrell; AGMs Davis Allen, Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Georgetta Gregory, Robin Howard, Mary Ann Jackson, Cheryl King, Rich Krisak, Miriam Lancaster (Acting), Ryland McClendon and Paula Nash (Acting); Sr. Director David Springstead; Directors Charlotte Harris, Lyle Harris, Rod Hembree, Pat Minnucci and Ferdinand Risco; Managers Cara Hodgson and Marvin Toliver; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra Wiltz; Executive Administrator Renee Willis. Others in attendance Rhonda Allen, Frederick Askew, Ed Bishop, Joyce Brown, Tommy Brown, Christopher Dorsey, Linda Lee, Nadiyah Merchant, Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala, Antoine Smith and Tuan Vo.

Also in attendance was Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery & Meeks; Pam Alexander of LTK; Joe Beasley of Southern Region Rainbow/PUSH; Bob Dallas; Senator Vincent Fort; Rich Markwith of Transystems; David Pinder; Matt Pollack of MATC; Ashley Robins of Citizens for Progressive Transit; Floyd Taylor; Dave Williams of Metro Atlanta Chamber.

**\*Jannine Miller is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors**

**Public Comment**

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Mr. Taylor addressed the Board regarding his concerns: closed restrooms, urine in elevators, aggressive panhandling, lights out, bad track section, infrequent trains, crime, and no staff at Airport Station.

Mr. Dallas asked that MARTA embrace the KPMG audit in order to move forward and not to look at MARTOC as an advisory. This will achieve an important goal – trust.

Mr. Beasley expressed concern regarding reports he read in The Atlanta Journal Constitution. He asked the MARTA Board to remember who they are and not let others dictate who the next CEO should be.

Senator Fort stated he did not support legislation last session which gave Fulton County mayors appointments to the MARTA Board. It was not right to have MARTA lobbyists lobbying for that bill. There has been discussion about privatizing. There has been a constant drumbeat about MARTA being insufficient. The facts do not bear this out. The first criterion for a General Manager is not being a lap dog to the Governor or the Legislature.

**Minutes of the August 6, 2012 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors**

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On motion by Mrs. Abernathy seconded by Mr. Durrett, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0, with 9\* members present.

**Operations & Safety Committee Report**

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Mr. Orkin reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on August 6, 2012 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Professional Government Affairs Services (Federal), Request for Proposals Number, P25651
- b. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B5257, Uninterruptible Power System (UPS) Replacement – Phase II (Close-Out)
- c. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B5458, Uninterruptible Power System (UPS) Replacement – Phase II (Close-Out)

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d. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B11664, Uninterruptible Power System (UPS) Replacement - Phase III

On motion by Mr. Orkin seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0, with 9\* 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) Briefing – Mobility Vehicle Procurement, FY 13 – FY 14
- b) Briefing – July 4, 2012 Activities

**Comments from the Board**

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Mr. Buckley addressed Senator Fort, thanking him for his support of MARTA. He stated that MARTA as a Board did not support the T-SPLOST.

**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:53 p.m.