

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

January 4, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on January 4, 2018 at 1:40 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul Salaam
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry*
John "Al" Pond
Christopher S. Tomlinson*
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: Interim General Manager/CEO Elizabeth M. O'Neill; Robert A. Troup Deputy General Manager; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Counsel Jonathan Hunt (Interim), Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak and Chief Communications Officer Goldie Taylor; AGMs LaShanda Dawkins, Joseph Dorsey (Acting), Torrey Kirby (Interim), Benjamin Limmer, Ryland McClendon, David Springstead and Emil Tzanov; Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Shelton Goode; Directors Rhonda Allen (Acting), John Cochran (Acting) and Keith Sanders; Managers Nikki Hester and Jacqueline Holland; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Office Administrator II Ashanti Boothe; Sr. Executive Administrator Keri Lee; Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board of Directors Tonya Gantt (Contract). Others in attendance Teresa Arnold, Adrien Carter, Abebe Girmay, Courte Middlebrooks, Gregory Polk, LaTonya Pope and Toni Thornton.

Also in attendance were Efran Benjamin and Tim Kassa of HNTB; Jessica Choi and Paul

* Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is GDOT Commissioner, and are therefore non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors.

Paltison of Kimley-Horn; Brenda Harrison of Clayton Advisory; Thomas Leach of ATU Local 732; Keith Parker of Clayton County; David Wickert of *The AJC*.

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Public Comment

Mr. Gregory Polk. Bus Operator from Laredo Garage. Asked Board members to ride the bus. He stated there is a lack of communication at MARTA and the bus scheduling needs to be revamped.

Mr. Tom Leach. There are still issues from last year that have not been resolved; for instance, there is no time to go to the bathroom. I have had passengers on my bus who almost died. Pushing the emergency button sometimes brings no response and sometimes a very delayed response. He asked management to remember there are people driving the buses, not robots. Communication needs to be better.

Ms. Brenda Harrison. Explained that she and a group from Clayton County were at last month's Work Session. She thanked the Board for providing the ability to view the Work Session.

Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Daniels, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 12* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on December 7, 2017 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing award of a Contract for the Procurement of Planning Support Services, Request for Proposals Number P39820

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Pond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 12* 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) Ridership – FY 2017 Annual Update
- b) Quality of Service Survey – FY 2017 Annual Update
- c) I-20 East High Capacity Transit Update

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Addition to the Agenda

Resolution to Change the Name of the West End Station to the Juanita Jones and Ralph David Abernathy at West End Station

On motion by Ms. Abdul-Salaam seconded by Mr. Dallas the resolution was added to the Agenda by a unanimous vote of 10 to 0, with 12* members present.

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On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 12* members present. **A copy of the resolution, AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

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Adjournment

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