



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Thomas Worthy called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Board Members

Present:

Stacy Blakley
Jim Durrett
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Russell McMurry¹
Al Pond
Rita Scott
Thomas Worthy
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Sagirah Jones

Board Members

Absent:

Freda Hardage
Kathryn Powers
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present:

Collie Greenwood
Melissa Mullinax
Ralph McKinney
Raj Srinath
Rhonda Allen
Peter Andrews
George Wright

¹ Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Per the MARTA Act, he is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Also in Attendance: Justice Leah Ward Sears
Jonathan Hunt
Paula Nash
Jacqueline Holland
Kenya Hammond
Tyrene Huff

PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTALS VIA TELEPHONE, U.S. MAIL AND IN PERSON)

Daniel Mason [via email]
Stephanie Blades [via email]
Judith Sullivan [in person]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the August 10, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

Approval of the August 10, 2023, Board meeting minutes. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

2. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair James Durrett reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

3. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Stacy Blakley reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee Resolutions 3a and 3b. On a motion by Board Member Blakley, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

4. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety

Approval of the Operations & Safety Committee Resolutions 4a, 4b and 4c. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

5. OTHER MATTERS

Chief Legal Counsel Peter Andrews read into the record the following settlement and resolutions emanating from the Executive Session:

1. Approval of a Property Settlement Claim - Valerie Daniels - \$213,828
On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Frierson, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0, with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.
2. Approval of a Settlement - Nayati Harris v. MARTA - \$225,000
On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Ide, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.
3. Motion to Approve and Ratify the Employment Agreement between MARTA and Collie Greenwood effective January 2, 2023.
On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Board Member Floyd thanked Mr. Greenwood and MARTA for participating in the DeKalb Municipal Association meeting.
- Board Member Durrett recognized the MARTA attendees who attended the ARC LINK trip. Transit was a big part of the trip, and Mr. Greenwood did an excellent job representing MARTA in the conversations surrounding transit.
- Board Member Frierson attended the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Ribbon Cutting event for the Regional Transportation Center in Lithonia. The center will offer training in operating buses and trains, maintenance and electrical engineering.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:47 P.M.