

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

Thursday, November 6, 2014

MEETING SUMMARY

A meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 1:40 p.m. in the MARTA Board Room, 6th Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
Kirk Fjelstul*
Keith Golden*
Freda Hardage
Barbara Babbit Kaufman

Public Comment

Mrs. Betty Hasan-Amin asked the Board not to privatize MARTA Mobility.

Mrs. Sarena L. Dickerson asked the Board not to privatize MARTA Mobility.

Mr. Stanley Smalls asked that Item 4 (Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operations, RFP P34324) be deferred while the options put forth by ATU Local 732 are considered.

Mrs. Patricia Giles made comments about the treatment of retirees at rail stations and the accessibility of restrooms.

Mr. Curtis Howard asked that the Board consider the suggestions made by ATU Local 732 as it relates to MARTA Mobility. He said the Board should vote 'no' on outsourcing.

Senator Vincent Fort said there was a great victory in Clayton County on Tuesday (Election Night). He agreed that the Board should defer the vote on Item 4 (Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for

* Kirk Fjelstul is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); Keith Golden is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and therefore non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors.

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MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operations, RFP P34324). He urged the Board not to take a step back; outsourcing Mobility is a very sensitive issue and the MARTA Board should take care in considering the options brought forward by the Union.

Mr. David Ward made comments opposing Item 4 (Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operations, RFP P34324). He said outsourcing will not be beneficial to MARTA Mobility.

Mr. James Callaghan congratulated MARTA on the win in Clayton County and made comments opposing privatization of Mobility services.

Mr. Ken Mitchell made comments opposing privatization of Mobility services.

Mrs. Robbie Huff made comments opposing privatization of Mobility services.

Mr. Lafayette Wood said Mobility is underperforming but outsourcing is not the answer; MARTA has to demand better service from its employees.

Mr. Chioke Perry said the Board should say no to privatization – MARTA has talented and dedicated staff already in place.

Mrs. Melvina H. Patterson made comments opposing the privatization of MARTA Mobility – it is unfair to assume that employees do not want to work. Every department strives to make MARTA better.

Mr. Robert Krone made comments regarding parking capacities at Chamblee Station.

Mr. Gerald Middlebrooks made comments about restroom availability – restrooms at rail stations should at least be accessible to employees and retirees. He stated that MARTA should revamp the restroom policy for everyone.

Mrs. Nikita Howard asked the Board to vote no on Item 4 (Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operations, RFP P34324). She said it is a travesty to have outsourcing on the table; Mobility users have established relationships with operators.

Mr. Raymond Rogers said outsourcing will be the biggest mistake for MARTA.

Mr. Damien Lewis offered kudos to the General Manager/CEO on continuing to do a good job in leading the Authority. He said by privatizing, MARTA can only remain mediocre, but the Authority can achieve greatness by simply improving its current services.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

2. Planning & External Relations Committee Report

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) FY 2015 Service Standard Modifications
- b) FY 2014 End-of-Year Ridership
- c) Presentation on the Office of Research & Analysis

3. Business Management Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Dr. Edmond, resolutions 'a-e' were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

On motion by Mrs. Kaufman seconded by Mr. Daniels, resolution 'f' was deferred by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) FTA TOD Planning Grant Opportunity with DeKalb County for I-20 East Corridor
- b) FY 2015 August Budget Variance Analysis and Performance Indicators

4. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operations, RFP P34324

Chairman Ashe asked for a motion to defer item 4 until the December 2014 Board meeting in order to consider the proposal received from ATU Local 732 on November 5, 2014.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Dr. Edmond the Board unanimously agreed to defer the resolution by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

Addition to the Agenda

Mr. Durrett motioned to add the following resolution to the Agenda. Mrs. Kaufman seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

5. Resolution Authorizing the 14th Amendment to MARTA Rapid Transit Contract & Assistance Agreement (RTCAA)

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

6. Other Matters

Mr. Durrett nominated the following Board Members to serve of on the Nominating Committee:

- Freda Hardage
- Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
- Roderick E. Edmond

The nominations were unanimously accepted by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

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On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present to go into Executive Session at 2:27 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present to adjourn the Executive Session at 2:37 p.m.

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The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:37 p.m.