

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**September 10, 2012**

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on September 10, 2012 at 10:12 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Board Members Present**

Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Adam Orkin, Chair

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight A. 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 Tony Bryant, Sharon Crenchaw, Lisa DeGrace, Garry Free, Charlotte Harris, Lyle Harris, Connie Krisak, Pat Minnucci, Fred Remen, Ferdinand Risco and Carol Smith; Managers Cara Hodgson, Ming Hsi, Joy Thompson and James Watkins; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra J. Wiltz; Executive Administrator Renee Willis. Others in attendance Ursula Bradley, Tommy Brown, Ric Edmonds, Queen Gaither, Eric Leach, Srinath Remala, Marsheia Smith, D.M. Wade and Brenda Williams.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery and Meeks; Matt Pollack of MATC; Pam Alexander of LTK; Steve Visser of *The AJC*.

**Approval of the August 6, 2012 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

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On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Authority-Wide Landscape Maintenance Services, Contract Proposal Number B24593**

Mr. Remen presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award a Contract for the Procurement of Authority-Wide Landscape Maintenance services to Lawn Creations, LLC in the amount of \$2,487,780 for a period of one (1) year base and four (4) one (1) year options.

Mr. Remen stated that ten advanced notices were mailed and eight bids were received. Lawn Creations was the lowest bidder.

Mr. Daniels asked what was done this time to get a relatively high number of bidders.

Mr. Remen replied there are an abundance of lawn care companies.

Mrs. Lancaster added that the Authority set up site visits, pre-bid conferences, etc.

Mr. Daniels complimented staff and asked that this model be emulated in the future.

Mr. Orkin asked if the pricing is competitive.

Mr. Remen said this contract is less than the previous contract.

**Briefing – Morning Rail Service Disruption on August 9, 2012**

Mr. Krisak provided a briefing on rail service disruption that occurred on August 9, 2012 due to third rail power outage at Lindbergh Center Station.

MARTA experienced rail service disruption for two hours and 40 minutes, starting at 4:45 a.m. and ending at 6:52 a.m. Approximately 1,000 customers were affected. The disruption occurred between Art Center and Lindbergh stations. Other stations affected were Lenox and Buckhead.

Cause of failure was an internal battery failure of a single battery. There are no previous occurrences of this nature on record.

*Corrective Actions:*

- Immediate: dispatched Technicians to all potential locations where a failure mode of this nature could occur. Took Lindbergh Station traction power substation off-line using it as feed through (i.e., set of switches to bridge power north and south). Personnel need included 22 from rail operations, 3 from bus operations and 17 from Police.
- Intermediate: removed failed battery and restored battery bank at Lindbergh Traction Power Substation. Bus Bridge using 12 buses was implemented to transport patrons around the out-of-service track.
- Long Term: EP&E conducted system-wide testing of all traction power substation battery banks. There were nine individual batteries (less than 1% of total) identified as suspect. They have been replaced.

Note: batteries are visually inspected weekly and load tested annually.

**Other Matters**

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Mr. Buckley said safety is a #1 priority for MARTA. He requested that the Board receive more safety briefings.

**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor  
Assistant Secretary