

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

**March 25, 2013**

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on March 25, 2013 at 10:04 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.  
Adam Orkin, *Chair*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Interim Deputy General Manager Davis Allen (Acting); AGMs Deborah Dawson, Joseph Dorsey (Acting), Rod Hembree (Acting), Robin Howard, Ming Hsi, Cheryl King, Miriam Lancaster (Acting), Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Sr. Director David Springstead; Directors Joseph Erves, Scott Haggard and Ferdinand Risco; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid; Department Administrator Brenda L. Williams. Others in attendance Frederick Askew, Peter Bruno, Rich Boullain, Abebe Girmay, Nicolle Holt, Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala, Tuan Vo.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley Friese Torgrimson; Pam Alexander of LTK Engineering; Matt Pollack and Jonathan Weichman of MATC; Ken McDonald of PB.

**Approval of the February 25, 2013 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

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On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Operation and Maintenance of the Atlanta Streetcar Project, Request for Proposals Number P26344**

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Mr. Boullain presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to solicit proposals for the Operation and Maintenance of the Atlanta Streetcar Project. MARTA management will oversee and direct all activities of the streetcar contractor in collaboration with the City of Atlanta (COA) and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID).

Mr. Orkin said MARTA certainly wants to do all it can to help the City of Atlanta. The Board understands that MARTA will not receive a profit but wants to ensure that the Authority is fully reimbursed for its time and money.

Mr. Daniels asked why is MARTA outsourcing for the project.

Mr. Boullain said because of the expense.

Mrs. Lancaster said staff looked at all points of view and determined that MARTA could not provide the full package.

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Tunnel Ventilation System Rehabilitation and Renewal, Request for Proposals Number P28659**

Mr. Springstead presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to solicit proposals for the rehabilitation and renewal of MARTA's Tunnel Ventilation System, a life safety critical auxiliary system which allows for safe evacuation of patrons from trains, tunnels and stations in the event of fire or smoke emergencies.

Mr. Daniels asked potentially how many companies will bid.

Mr. Springstead said it is expected that approximately six companies will bid. It is likely the selection will included a combination of firms.

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids Received for the Procurement of Door Interlock Kits for Rail Vehicles, Contract Proposal Number B26516**

Mr. Erves presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to reject all bids received for Procurement of Door Interlock Kits for Rail Vehicles, Contract Proposal Number B26516.

Mr. Daniels asked in hindsight could this have been avoided.

Mr. Erves said without feedback it is hard to tell.

Mr. Daniels said there is an internal process and cost. MARTA needs to look for ways to avoid this in the future.

Mrs. Lancaster said the Authority is limited in the conversations it is able to have with vendors in advance. Other transit agencies have had similar issues and cannot find a solution. The best staff can do in finding a way to avoid a situation like this in the future is to involve Procurement at the beginning of the process.

Mr. Buckley said this is a potential major problem. He asked if staff has a projected timeline for securing an alternative.

Mr. Erves said staff is aggressively attacking the issue but have not come up with a timeline yet.

Mr. Buckley asked what will be done in the meantime.

Mr. Erves said Management is concentrating on retraining staff – attention and focus is key in prevention.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3 members present.

**Other Matters**

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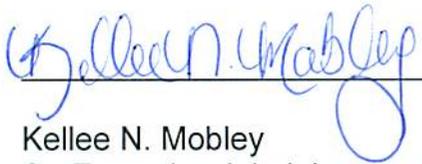
No other matters came before the Committee.

**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kellee N. Mobley  
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board