

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

May 9, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on May 9, 2019 at 1:48 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 L. Ashe III
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
John "Al" Pond
Rita A. Scott
Christopher S. Tomlinson*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief of System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham; Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief of Capital Programs, Expansion & Innovation, Chief of Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson-Bomar, Virgil Fludd, James Siebert (Interim), Kirk Talbott, William Taylor (Acting) and Emil Tzanov; Executive Director Paula Nash; Sr. Directors Donna DeJesus (Acting), Jennifer Jinadu-Wright and Erica Pines; Directors Rhonda Allen, Jonathan Hunt, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Thomas Gaskin (Acting) and David Emory; Managers Jacquelyn Bentley and Stephany Fisher. Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt; Sr. Executive Administrator Ashanti Boothe; Sr. Executive Administrator Kenya Hammond; Sr. Executive Administrator Keri Lee. Others in attendance Adrien Carter, Abebe Girmay, Leeshu Kennedy, Courte Middlebrooks, Terry Ponder and LaTonya Pope.

* Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Also in attendance were Rhonda Briggins of Jacobs; Ila Collins of S.L. King & Associates; Steve Dickerson of ATL; Hayden Gellineau of Tylin; Deidra Johnson of ATL; Greg Mason of ARC; Edward Leidelmeyer of Fulton County; Robert Mariner of Tylin; Cara Mojalani of Arcadis; Joanne Rhone of West End; Scheree Rawls of ATL; Lisa Stines of NPUT; Danica Thompson of McGuire Woods Consulting; Sherry B. Williams of Georgia Stand Up; Bobby Unger of Architecture Group (Wendel).

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Public Comment

Dr. Joanne Rhone. Have been attending MARTA Board meetings for the past year and three months to speak to the Board regarding the name change for West End. Recently, a new MARTA staff person informed us that your decision is to 'put the station renaming on hold'. Community members did not receive an explanation of why the Board put it on hold. MARTA started trying to rename West End Station in 2002, it was brought back in 2007 and again in 2018. This has been a disturbance to the community. The first name in 2002 was Mrs. Abernathy, the same in 2007 and again in 2018. Each time we have pushed back on this. We would like you to honor us. Do not dishonor us to honor her. Find another way to honor Mrs. Abernathy, Dr. Lowry and others.

Lisa Stines. NPU-T Transportation Chair. One of our issues is closure on the name change for West End Station. The other issues are; when will the new bus stops go in and when will you take care of the existing bus stops in our area. Please open the Ashby Station parking lot. There is no available parking at this station. An observation I have made as the Transportation Chair is there have been an inconsistency of people to talk to because staff change positions often. I would like to recommend that MARTA hire a station manager for the station so that we will have a point of contact at the stations when we have issues.

Sherry Williams. Georgia Stand Up. Thank MARTA for the opportunity to be a part of the Los Angeles Bus Rapid Transit tour. It was very enlightening. One of the things that was discussed was transit equity and community engagement. If we could shore up community engagement by using some of Los Angeles' Best Practices and tailor them to what we are doing, I believe MARTA would gain trust, gain momentum and gain riders. Those riders will help get other riders on board. Los Angeles calls it seamless communication and constructive relations.

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On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Griffin, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* members present.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Pond reported the Audit Committee met on April 19, 2019 and received the following briefings:

- a) Review of the Annual Financial Audit Program
- b) Review of the Audit Activity since the last Audit Committee meeting
- c) Approval of Annual Audit Plan for FY 19
- d) Other Matters
 - Budget
 - Staffing

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on April 25, 2019 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Single Source Contract for the Purchase of Bus Stop Amenities, RFP P44002

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Floyd, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* 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) Bus Stop Amenities Program Overview and Request for Authorizations to Award
- b) Quarterly Media Impressions, 3rd Quarter, FY 20

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on April 25, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for the Procurement of Non-Revenue and Police Vehicles, RFP P43290, P43611 and P43792 Utilizing the State of Georgia Contract
- b. Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for Procurement of Police Service and Non-Revenue Vehicles, P43612 and P43669 Utilizing the State of Georgia Contracts
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Non-Revenue Vehicles, P43670 Utilizing the State of Georgia Contract
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Station Rehabilitation Design Services, AE43995

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Ashe, resolutions 'a,b,c,e' were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

- d. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Single Source Contract for an Armored Hi-Rail Vehicle, RFP P44045

Mr. Griffin recognized Mr. Greg Mason, partner to MARTA and Director of Urban Area Security Initiatives with ARC. Mr. Mason have been working with MARTA Police over the last 18 months to design an armored hi-rail vehicle. This will be the first vehicle of its kind in North America. It will be brought to MARTA at no cost to the Authority.

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, resolution 'd' was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Floyd reported that the Business Management Committee met on April 25, 2019 and received the following briefing:

- a) FY 2019 February Financials and Key Performance Indicators

Resolution to Amend the By-Laws of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to Create an Additional Officer of the Board

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Floyd, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked what is the rationale for having a fifth Board member; and if that person is not able to serve or comes off the board, then going to the longest serving Board member - why not have them elected like everyone else.

Dr. Edmond stated it will be beneficial to MARTA and the Board to retain institutional knowledge. Obviously, the previous Chair will have institutional knowledge, information and other resources that would be helpful to the Board. To the extent the outgoing Chairperson is unable to serve, the longest-serving member will also have institutional knowledge.

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolution was approved by a vote of 8 to 1, with 10* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Ms. Abdul-Salaam voted no.

Other Matters

Ms. O'Neill requested approval in the matter of Fannie Mae Scotland vs. MARTA in the amount of \$1M.

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Pond the settlement was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10* members present.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:02 p.m.