



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**via WebEx**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Board Chair Rita Scott called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Members Present</b>
Robert Ashe III	Jeffrey Parker
Stacy Blakley	Collie Greenwood
William Floyd	Rhonda Allen
Roderick Frierson	Luz Borrero
Freda Hardage	Ralph McKinney
Al Pond	Elizabeth O'Neill
Kathryn Powers	Raj Srinath
Rita Scott, <b>Chair</b>	
Reginald Snyder	
W. Thomas Worthy	

Also in attendance: MARTA Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; other MARTA staff members: Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson Bomar, LaShanda Dawkins, Tyrene Huff, Michael Kreher, Patricia Lucek, Heather Luyk, Gena Major, Dean Mallis, Paula Nash, Santiago Osorio, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov, and George Wright.

**Public Comment**

None.

**1. Approval of April 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and May 5, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Chair Scott called for a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Freda Hardage and seconded by Board Member Robert Ashe. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

Chair Scott called for a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Al Pond and seconded by Board Member Hardage. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**2. Planning & Capital Programs Committee Report**

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on Thursday, April 29, 2021, and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract for CP B37768, CNG Fueling Facility at Hamilton
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of MARTA Parcel C4181F containing 7.255 Acres Located at 0 Willingham Drive, College Park & 0 Elm Street, East Point, Fulton County, Georgia to the City of College Park for the Finding the Flint Conservation Group

Committee Chair Pond requested approval of the resolutions, which was seconded by Board Member Ashe. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**3. Operations & Safety Committee Report**

Committee Chair W. Thomas Worthy reported that the Committee met on Thursday, April 29, 2021, and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Inspection and Maintenance of Generator Services Authority-Wide, IFB 46991
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Authority-Wide Landscaping services, IFB 45932
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bids Received for Facility-Wide Janitorial Services, IFB 47309
- d. Resolution Authorizing Contract Modification for Facility-Wide Janitorial Agreement, IFB 37014
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Department of Safety in Support of State Safety Oversight Program, LOA L48790

Committee Chair Worthy requested approval of the resolutions, which was seconded by Board Member Hardage. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

Committee Chair Worthy reported that the Committee received the following briefing:

- f. MARTA Police Update

**4. Business Management Committee Report**

Committee Chair Roderick Frierson reported that the Committee met on Thursday, April 29, 2021, and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Automation of Background Screens, RFP P46774
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Microsoft License Enterprise Agreement, IFB B48124
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, Execution and Delivery of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Variable Rate Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2021A in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$117,500,000
- d. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Creation of a Pool of Underwriting Service Providers Pursuant to a Request for Qualifications
- e. Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 732 [ATU]

Committee Chair Frierson requested approval of the resolutions, which were seconded by Board Member Hardage. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**5. Other Matters**

Board Member Ashe stated that he would like to see an increase in the number of MARTA employees who have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Chair Scott emphasized the importance of vaccinating frontline transit employees and she supported Board Member Ashe's statement.

Board Member Stacy Blakley asked when the Board will reconvene to discuss in-depth the budget documents received by the Board yesterday. General

Manager Jeffrey Parker stated the budget would be further discussed during the May 27 Business Management Committee meeting. Chief Financial Officer Raj Srinath stated that discussions regarding the budget would occur with each of MARTA's jurisdictions in the coming weeks.

**6. Comments from the Board**

Chair Scott thanked GM Parker and MARTA leadership for issuing a public acknowledgment of the passing of former Atlanta City Councilmember C.T. Martin. Chair Scott read the full statement into the record:

"MARTA joins the City of Atlanta in mourning the recent passing of C.T. Martin and offers our deepest condolences to his loved ones and many friends. He fought tirelessly for fairness in housing, economic opportunity and transportation during his long tenure on the Atlanta City Council. His leadership as Chair of the Atlanta City Council Transportation Committee was instrumental in crafting and passing the MARTA referendum in 2016, allowing MARTA and the City to embark on the largest expansion in MARTA's history. MARTA salutes Martin's unwavering spirit and integrity and remains grateful for the incredible impact he made on his beloved hometown."

**Adjournment**

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyrene L. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/2FW8GQ46Rg4>