



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021
MEETING SUMMARY

Board Chair Rita Scott called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Roberta Abdul-Salaam	Jeffrey Parker
Robert Ashe, III	Collie Greenwood
Jim Durrett	Rhonda Allen
William Floyd	Peter Andrews
Roderick Frierson	Luz Borrero
Freda Hardage	Michael Kreher
Russell McMurry ¹	Manjeet Ranu
Al Pond	Raj Srinath
Kathryn Powers	Elizabeth O'Neill
Rita Scott, Chair	Ralph McKinney
Reginald Snyder	

Also in attendance: MARTA Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Ken Gregor; other MARTA staff members: Jacob Vallo, Duane Pritchett, Jonathan Hunt, Jacqueline Holland, Paula Nash, Andrew Pofhal, Keri Lee, Kenya Hammond, and Tyrene Huff.

Board Chair Rita Scott asked if there were changes to the agenda. Chief Legal Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill added a settlement to the agenda – Kendra Mallard vs. MARTA.

Public Comment

Ed Williams [via email]

1. **Approval of the November 11, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Chair Rita Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Hardage and seconded by Board Member Durrett. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

¹ Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Per the MARTA Act, he is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, Execution and Delivery of MARTA Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Federally Taxable Refunding Series 2021D (Green Bonds) and Tax-Exempt Refunding Series 2021 E-1 and E-2 (Green Bonds)

Board Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the resolution. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage. The resolution was approved 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

The Board meeting ended at 1:36 P.M. to re-enter Executive Session for real estate and litigation.

Board Chair Rita Scott called the Board meeting to order at 2:22 P.M.

Public Comment

Dalvin Drummonds [in person]

3. **External Relations Committee Report**

Committee Chair Ashe reported that the Committee met on Friday, November 19, 2021 and received the following briefings:

- a. 2022 State Legislative Preview
- b. Media Impressions for July – October 2021

4. **Audit Committee Report**

Committee Chair Hardage reported that the Committee met on Friday, November 19, 2021 and received the following briefings:

- a. MARTA Annual External Financial Audit for FY21
- b. Internal Audit Activity

5. **Planning and Capital Programs Committee Report**

Committee Chair Pond reported that the Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2021 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution of the MARTA Board of Directors Authorizing the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) for a Planning Study for a Potential Top End I-285 Bus Rapid Transit Project
- b. Resolution of the MARTA Board of Directors Authorizing the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL), Cobb County, Gwinnett County, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Atlanta Regional Commission to Set Forth the Terms of Funding and Collaboration for a Planning Study for a Potential Top End I-285 Bus Rapid Transit Project
- c. Resolution Approving Clayton/Southlake Bus Rapid Transit Project Locally Preferred Alternative

Committee Chair Pond requested approval of the resolutions, seconded by Board Member Durrett. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

6. Operations & Safety Committee Report

Committee Vice-Chair Abdul-Salaam reported that the Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2021 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Removal and Disposal of Industrial Wastewater and Sludge from Various MARTA Facilities, IFB B48661

Committee Vice-Chair Abdul-Salaam requested approval of the resolution. The resolution was approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

Committee Vice-Chair Abdul-Salaam reported that the Committee received the following briefing:

- b. Demand Response Pilot

7. Business Management Committee Report

Committee Chair Frierson reported that the Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2021 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of MARTA's Excess Property and Liability Insurance Programs for 2022
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of Armed Security Guard Coverage for Revenue Operations, IFB B48759
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Authority-Wide Voice, Internet and Data Telecommunications Services, RFPP P49945
- d. Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Procurement of WI-FI Data Telecommunication Services for MARTA Buses, Rail Cars and Other Equipment, RFPP P49944
- e. Resolution to Modify Microsoft License Enterprise Agreement, B48124
- f. Resolution Authorizing a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Retirees and DROP Participants of the MARTA Non-Represented Pension Plan
- g. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Full Line Banking, RFP P46375

Committee Chair Frierson requested approval of the resolutions, seconded by Board Member Durrett. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

Committee Chair Frierson reported that the Committee received the following briefings:

- h. Green Bond Refunding - Bond Series 2021D, E-1, E-2

i. FY 2022 September Financial Highlights and Financial Performance Indicators

8. Board Chair Rita Scott asked Elizabeth O'Neill to read the item added to the Board agenda from the Executive Session. Elizabeth O'Neill requested approval of the matter of Mallard vs. MARTA, Civil Action # 16-A 59864 in the State Court of DeKalb County, requesting approval of a \$1.5 million settlement.

Board Member made a motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Hardage. The settlement was approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

9. Nominating Committee Report

Committee Chair Ashe reported that the Nominating Committee met on Thursday, December 9, 2021. The Committee unanimously nominated the current officers to serve for another year.

- Rita Scott, Chair
- Roberta Abdul-Salaam – Vice Chair
- Freda Hardage, Immediate Past Chair
- Robert Ashe, III, Treasurer
- Roderick Frierson, Secretary

Committee Chair Ashe requested approval of the officers for 2022, seconded by Board Member Durrett. The nominations were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

10. 2022 Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings

Board Chair Rita Scott asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Schedule of Board and Standing Committee meetings. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Ashe, seconded by Board Member Hardage. The schedule was approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

11. Proclamation Commending Elizabeth M. O'Neill for her service to MARTA

Board Chair Rita Scott asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation Commending Elizabeth M. O'Neill for her service to MARTA. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Ashe, seconded by Board Member Durrett. The Proclamation was approved unanimously by a vote of 10 – 0, 1 abstention, with 11 members present.¹

12. Other Matters

None

13. Comments from the Board

None

Adjourned

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M.