



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

via WebEx

MEETING SUMMARY

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

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Roberta Abdul-Salaam	Jeffrey Parker
Robert Ashe III	Collie Greenwood
Stacy Blakley	Rhonda Allen
Jim Durrett	Luz Borrero
William Floyd	Ralph McKinney
Roderick Frierson	Elizabeth O'Neill
Freda Hardage	Manjeet Ranu
Russell McMurry ¹	Raj Srinath
Al Pond	
Kathryn Powers	
Rita Scott, Chair	
Reginald Snyder	
Christopher Tomlinson ¹	
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, Jay Claiborne, LaShanda Dawkins, Rob Goodwin, Tyrene Huff, Michael Kreher, Patricia Lucek, Dean Mallis, Paula Nash, Santiago Osorio, Kirk Talbott, and George Wright.

Public Comment

Jeremy Sharpe

¹Russell McMurry is Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). Per the MARTA Act, both are non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

1. Approval of May 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair Rita Scott asked for a motion to approve the May 13, 2021 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Robert Ashe and seconded by Board Member Freda Hardage. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 12 to 0 with 14 members present.¹

2. External Relations Committee Report

Committee Chair Robert Ashe reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 20, 2021 and received the following briefings:

- a. Briefing - MARTA Rail Car Preliminary Design Review (PDR): Public Engagement Strategy
- b. Briefing - Employee Resource Groups (ERGs)

3. Audit Committee Report

Committee Chair Freda Hardage reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 20, 2021 and received the following briefings:

- a. MARTA FY21 External Audit Engagement
- b. FY22 Internal Audit Plan
- c. Briefing – Internal Audit Activity

4. Planning & Capital Programs Committee Report

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 27, 2021 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution - Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement with the Atlanta Hawks for the Placement of an Electronic Billboard and Power & Data Easement on Parcel D2108Y, Located in 14th District of Fulton Co, Georgia, at 90 Centennial Olympic Park D
- b. Resolution - Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of the Kensington, Indian Creek, and H. E. Holmes Stations Master Plan, RFP P48713
- c. Resolution - Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Specialized Professional Services, RFP P47520
- d. Resolution - Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Surveying Services (REI), AE46194

Committee Chair Pond requested approval of the resolutions, which Board Member Hardage seconded. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 12 to 0 with 14 members present.¹

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

- e. Briefing - Operations and Maintenance Technical Support Services

5. Operations & Safety Committee Report

Committee Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 27, 2021 and received the following briefings:

- a. Briefing - Maintenance of Way Update
- b. Briefing - Bus Maintenance Update

6. Business Management Committee Report

It was determined that the BMC agenda displayed on screen did not reflect the BMC Committee agenda received by all Board Members and properly publicly advertised. The correct BMC agenda report was displayed on screen and the report commenced.

Committee Chair Roderick Frierson reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 27, 2021 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Consulting Services for Group Benefit Plans, RFP P46683
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of Employee Voluntary Benefits Program, RFP P48735
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA Contactless Smart Card Fare Media, IFB B47281
- d. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of CCTV and Enterprise Network Switches, IFB B48023
- e. Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for DocuSign Licenses, LOA L40203
- f. Resolution Approving Revisions to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

g. Resolution of the MARTA Board of Directors Approving a Member of the Fulton Technology and Energy Enhancement Authority

h. Resolution to Approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for FY2022

Committee Chair Frierson requested approval of the resolutions, which Board Member Ashe seconded. The resolutions were approved unanimously by a vote of 12 to 0 with 14 members present.¹

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

i. Briefing - FY2021 Third Quarter Financial Highlights and Financial Performance Indicators

7. **Other Matters**

Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill requested the Board's approval for a resolution settling legal claims for \$2.9 million in the case of Nancy Wooten v. MARTA and Corey Graham. Chair Scott called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Board Member Hardage made a motion to approve and Vice Chair Abdul-Salaam seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously by a vote of 12 to 0 with 14 members present.¹

8. **Comments from the Board**

Chair Scott thanked GM Parker for issuing a public acknowledgment of the passing of Clayton County Commissioner Sonna Gregory. Chair Scott read the statement into the record:

"MARTA joins Clayton County in mourning the loss of Commissioner Sonna Gregory and offers our deepest condolences to her loved ones and many friends. Commissioner Gregory prioritized representing her constituents and their interests and was the deciding vote on the Clayton Commission to call the Clayton referendum in 2014. However, she felt personal about public transit and MARTA at the time; she believed that it was her duty to let the people vote. Commissioner Gregory and MARTA developed a strong relationship and worked together on issues impacting her district, from identifying bus stops needing shelters and the new Operations and Maintenance facility. MARTA salutes her spirit and integrity and remains grateful for the impact she had on Clayton County."

Chair Scott also asked for a moment of silence to mourn the passing of nine fellow transit workers and members of the Amalgamated Transit Union [ATU] at Valley Transportation Authority in Santa Clara, California.

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 1: 50 p.m.