



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**via WebEx**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Committee Chair Robert Ashe III called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Members Present</b>
Roberta Abdul-Salaam	Jeffrey Parker
Robert Ashe III, <b>Chair</b>	Collie Greenwood
Stacy Blakley	Elizabeth O'Neill
William Floyd	Luz Borrero
Roderick Frierson	Melissa Mullinax
Freda Hardage	Raj Srinath
Rita Scott	
Christopher Tomlinson <sup>1</sup>	

Also in attendance: Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Cain Williamson of the Atlanta-Region Transit Link; other staff members: Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson Bomar, Stephany Fisher, Colleen Kiernan, Michael Kreher, LaShanda Dawkins, Larry Prescott, Patricia Lucek, Dean Mallis, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov, Richard Wallace, Kenya Hammond and Tyrene Huff.

**Approval of the February 18, 2021 External Relations Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee Chair Ashe called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Mrs. Hardage made a motion to approve, Ms. Abdul-Salaam seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0 with 8<sup>1</sup> members present.

**Briefing – I-285 Top End Update**

Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure Larry Prescott presented an update of the project to integrate transit into the I-285 Top End to include projected schedules and funding plans.

<sup>1</sup>Christopher Tomlinson is the Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is, therefore, a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors.

**Briefing – Media Impressions Update**

Manager of Communications Stephany Fisher provided the committee with an update of MARTA's media impression from November 2020 to February 2021.

**Other Matters**

None

**Adjournment**

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.