

MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert Ashe
Jim Durrett
Roderick Edmond
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage **(Chair)**
Alicia Ivey
Russell McMurry**
John Pond
Rita Scott
Christopher Tomlinson**
W. Thomas Worthy*

Staff Members Present

Jeffrey Parker
Rhonda Allen
Luz Borrero
Collie Greenwood
Kevin Hurley
Melissa Mullinax
Elizabeth O'Neill
Franklin Rucker
David Springstead
Michael Kreher
Katherine Dirga
Tyrene Huff
Marie Peters

Other in attendance: Robert Highsmith of Holland & Knight

Approval of October 8, 2020 Work Session Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Pond, seconded by Mr. Griffin, with Ms. Abdul-Salaam voting to abstain, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0 with 13* members present.

Chair's Report

Chairwoman Hardage announced the nominating committee for the 2021 MARTA Board Officers:

Nominating Committee

Jerry Griffin
Roderick Edmond
Rita Scott
John Pond

* Board members Christopher Tomlinson and W. Thomas Worthy joined the meeting after the vote for the approval of the minutes.

**Russell McMurry, P.E. is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and therefore, are non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, November 19, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

- Planning & Capital Programs Committee
- Operations & Safety Committee (immediately following)
- Business Management Committee (immediately following)
- External Relations Committee (immediately following)

Friday, November 20, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

- Audit Committee

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

- Board of Directors Work Session and Board Meeting

General Manager/CEO's Report

Leadership Team Evolution

Mr. Parker, General Manager/CEO, informed the Board that David Springstead, Chief Rail Operations, will be retiring on December 31, 2020. Mr. Parker noted that Collie Greenwood, Chief Bus Operations & Urban Planning, will oversee Rail Operations upon Mr. Springstead's departure.

- Under Mr. Greenwood's leadership are two (2) deputies:
 - Mr. George Wright will continue as Deputy Chief Rail Operations
 - Mr. Santiago Osorio will continue to operate as Chief Bus Operations

Code of Ethics

Ms. O'Neill informed the Board of recommended changes to section 13 of MARTA's Code of Ethics.

- Section 13 of the Code prohibits former MARTA employees seeking to be employed by other entities to not use their knowledge or influence to profit financially, there is presently a one year total prohibition on MARTA doing business with a contractor who employs a former MARTA employee within one year of their leaving the Authority.
- The revision would provide levels of restrictions going forward: A MARTA employee involved in the procurement process of a specific MARTA project (s); if such individual leaves the Authority, that employee should have a one (1) year waiting period before going to work for that contractor and a lifetime ban on working on that procurement.

- Other employees would be prohibited from working on any MARTA project, but still able to work for an entity doing business with MARTA provided they did not work on a MARTA project for one year from the end of their employment at the Authority.
- The Board of Ethics is reviewing the proposed changes and staff intends to bring their thoughts and the change to a future committee.

Liability Insurance

Ms. O'Neill informed the Board of MARTA's current excess liability insurance program and the self-insurance retention status. The proposed structure of the program for 2021 will be different as companies are no longer willing to write programs with \$5 million retention limits. The resolution regarding the Authority's liability insurance coverage will be brought to the Board at committee later this month and will have an increased cost.

- Brokers are monitoring the market for suitable liability insurance prices
- The market for this specific insurance has seen changes that have influenced prices

Other Matters

On a motion by Mr. Pond, seconded by Ms. Ivey, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 12 to 0 with 13** members present to go into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Adjournment

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 12:51 p.m.