



WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

MEETING SUMMARY

Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, via WebEx, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert Ashe
Jim Durrett
Roderick Edmond
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage (**Chair**)
Alicia Ivey
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
Gena Major
Torrey Kirby
Katherine Dirga
Tyrene Huff
Marie Peters

Other in attendance: Robert Highsmith of Holland & Knight

Approval of September 10, 2020 Work Session Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Ashe, seconded by Ms. Ivey, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0 with 13* members present.

Chair's Report

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, October 29, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

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

*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.

Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

- Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

- External Relations Committee

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

- Audit Committee

General Manager/CEO's Report

Artbound Annual Update

Ms. Dirga presented the above agenda item. The following topics were discussed:

- Music and Performing Arts
- Temporary/Permanent Visual Arts
- Community Partnership
- On the Horizon

Inclusion Matters Partnering Program

Mr. Parker, General Manager/CEO, informs the Board that MARTA is in the process of developing a training program called "Inclusion Matters." Contractors awarded a \$25 million project or more will be required to participate in the program. Through the program, contractors will gain insight into why the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) program is essential to MARTA. The program ensures that DBE capitalizes economically through participation in MARTA projects and contracts from money the citizens in this country and throughout the Atlanta region paid through taxes.

Other Matters

On a motion by Mr. Ashe, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 12 to 0 with 13* members present to go into Executive Session at 12:59 p.m. to discuss personnel matter.

Adjournment

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:55 p.m.