



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jennifer Ide called the meeting to order at 1:47 P.M.

Board Members

Present:

Roderick Frierson
Freda Hardage
Al Pond
Kathryn Powers
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagirah Jones
Ryan Loke
Sarah Galica
DeVon Hudson

Board Members

Absent:

Russell McMurry
Jannine Miller
Shayna Pollock
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris

Staff Members Present:

Jonathan Hunt
Rhonda Allen
LaShanda Dawkins
Kevin Hurley
Paul Lopes
Ralph McKinnney
Michael Kreher
Steven Parker
Larry Prescott
Duane Pritchett

Also in Attendance:

Peter Crofton, Paula Nash, Jacqueline Holland, Kenya Hammond, Phyllis, Tyrene Huff, Stephanie Fisher

PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTALS VIA TELEPHONE, U.S. MAIL AND IN PERSON)

Seth Perry [in person]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the December 4, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the December 4, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Board Member Loke, seconded by Board Member Powers, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARTA BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026

Approval of the 2026 MARTA Board Officers

Approval of the 2026 MARTA Board Officers. On a motion by Board Member Tzegaegbe, seconded by Board Member Galica, the motion passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 11 members present.

MARTA Board Officers for 2026:

Chair, Jennifer Ide

Immediate Past Chair, Kathryn Powers

Vice Chair, Al Pond

Secretary, Valencia Williamson

Treasurer, Shayna Pollock [Roderick Frierson will serve in her stead until April 1, 2026]

3. OTHER MATTERS

- Chair Ide announced the Chair/Vice Chair and Committee members for Planning & Capital Programs, Operations & Safety, External Relations and Audit. The BMC Committee members will be selected later. She also announced the Ethics and Pension Committee members.

LITIGATION

- Settlement: Vallerie Pullum vs. MARTA in the amount of \$1,750,000.00. On a motion by Board member Hardage, seconded by Board member Williamson, the motion passed by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

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