



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jennifer Ide called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

Board Members

Present:

Freda Hardage
Al Pond
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Sagirah Jones
Sarah Galica
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris
Shayna Pollock
DeVon Hudson
Boniface Echols

Board Members

Absent:

Russell McMurry
Kathryn Powers
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Ryan Loke

Staff Members Present:

Jonathan Hunt
Rhonda Allen
Ralph McKinney
Kevin Hurley
Paul Lopes
Paula Nash
LaShanda Dawkins
Steven Parker

Also in Attendance: Peter Crofton, Phyllis Bryant, Jacqueline Holland

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

Khari Lewis [in person]

Abigail Chellers [in person]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from September 10, 2026

Approval of September 10, 2026, minutes. On a motion by Board Member Pollack, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed by 10 – 0 with 10 members present.

2. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Sarah Galica reported the Committee met on September 24, 2026, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management

Approval of Resolutions 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Hudson, the resolutions passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

3. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Valencia Williamson reported that the Committee met on September 24, 2026, and approved the following resolution:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs

Approval of Resolution 3a. On a motion by Board Member Hudson, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

4. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vice-Chair Elizabeth Bolton-Harris reported the Committee convened on September 24, 2026, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety

Approval of Resolutions 4a and 4b. On a motion by Board Member Echols, seconded by Board Member Bolton-Harris, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

5. OTHER MATTERS

LITIGATION

Interim Chief Legal Counsel Paula Nash read into the record a worker's comp settlement emanating from Executive Session: Linda Morse, \$220,200.00. On a motion by Board Chair Ide, seconded by Board Member Hudson, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

RESOLUTION

Approval of a Resolution Concluding the Appointment of the Strategic Operational Advisors. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Pond, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:48 P.M.

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/3VyBsEQz2jo?si=rw8klSILHXmDv89v>