



WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

MEETING SUMMARY

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021, via WebEx, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Rita Scott, Chair	Jeffrey Parker
Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Vice Chair	Collie Greenwood
Robert Ashe III	Rhonda Allen
Stacy Blakley	Luz Borrero
Jim Durrett	Kevin Hurley
William Floyd	Melissa Mullinax
Roderick Frierson	Elizabeth O’Neill
Freda Hardage	Franklin Rucker
Russell McMurray ¹	
John Pond	
Katherine Powers	
Reginald Snyder	
W. Thomas Worthy ²	

Also in attendance: Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; other staff members: Tyrene Huff and Robert Murphy

Report from the Chair

Approval of December 10, 2020 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Chair Scott called for a motion to approve the work session meeting minutes from December 10, 2020. Ms. Hardage made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Durrett. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13 members present (see footnote).

Welcome

Chair Scott introduced and welcomed the Board’s three new members: Stacy Blakley (Fulton County appointee), Katherine Powers (Clayton County appointee), and Reginald Snyder (City of Atlanta appointee.)

¹Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors, per the MARTA Act.

²Board member W. Thomas Worthy joined the meeting after the vote for the approval of the minutes.

Committee Assignments

Chair Scott announced the composition of the Board’s 2021 committees:

<u>Planning and Capital Programs</u> Al Pond, Chair William Floyd, Vice Chair Stacy Blakley Russell McMurray Rita Scott Reginald Snyder Christopher Tomlinson	<u>Operations and Safety</u> W. Thomas Worthy, Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Vice Chair Jim Durrett William Floyd Ryan Glover Katherine Powers
<u>Business Management</u> Roderick Frierson, Chair Jim Durrett, Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam William Floyd Ryan Glover John Pond Reginald Snyder	<u>External Affairs</u> Robert Ashe III, Chair Rita Scott, Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam Katherine Powers Christopher Tomlinson W. Thomas Worthy
<u>Audit</u> Freda Hardage, Chair William Floyd, Vice Chair Roderick Frierson Katherine Powers	

Chair Scott further stated that the Board will be represented by W. Thomas Worthy on the Board of Ethics and by Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam on the Pension Committee.

Report from the General Manager/CEO

Essential Bus Service

General Manager Jeffrey Parker addressed concerns about MARTA’s Essential Bus Service routes raised by the Mayors and City Councilmembers of Doraville and Dunwoody.

Ridership Update

General Manager Parker provided the Board with a detailed update on MARTA’s ridership numbers (both pre- and post-COVID-19).

Budget Update

Interim Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hurley provided the Board with an overview of the Authority’s FY21 operating budget, including a forecast of anticipated revenues and expenses through 2025.

TRIV Canterbury Junction Replacement

Chief of Capital Programs Frank Rucker, Deputy General Manager of Operations Collie Greenwood, and Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax briefed the Board on the Canterbury Junction shutdown scheduled for February 2021.

Executive Session

W. Thomas Worthy made a motion for the Board to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam. Chair Scott asked if there were any opposers or abstainers. There were none. By a vote of 12 to 0 with 13 members present (see footnote on p.1) the Board entered executive session at 1:23 pm.

Other Matters

None

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 1:45 pm.