



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD WORK SESSION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Jennifer Ide called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Al Pond  
Freda Hardage  
Valencia Williamson  
Jennifer Ide  
Sagirah Jones  
Sarah Galica  
DeVon Hudson  
Boniface Echols

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Russell McMurry  
Kathryn Powers  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Elizabeth Bolton-Harris  
Ryan Loke  
Shayna Pollock

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**Also in Attendance:** Peter Crofton, Phyllis Bryant, Nadia Lawrence

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Work Session Minutes**

Approval of September 10, 2026, Work Session minutes. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Galica, the motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with 8 members present.

**3. GM/CEO REPORT**

- MARTA Mobile Recruiting Center
- Big 15 Safety and Security Summit Recap
- Metro Chamber Board Recap
- APTA 2026 TRANSform & EXPO Recap
- Waste Management Summit with Jurisdictions
- Atlanta Pride Parade
- Stadler Board Meeting in ATL

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Litigation**

**Personnel**

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session meeting ended at 1:21 P.M.

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