



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

via WebEx

MEETING SUMMARY

Board Chair Rita Scott called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Roberta Abdul-Salaam	Jeffrey Parker
Robert Ashe III	Collie Greenwood
Stacy Blakley	Rhonda Allen
Jim Durrett	Luz Borrero
William Floyd	Melissa Mullinax
Roderick Frierson	Elizabeth O'Neill
Ryan Glover ¹	Franklin Rucker
Freda Hardage	Raj Srinath
Al Pond	
Kathryn Powers	
Rita Scott, Chair	
Christopher Tomlinson ^{1,2}	
W. Thomas Worthy ¹	

Also, in attendance: MARTA Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; other MARTA staff members: Heather Alhadeff, Robin Boyd, LaShanda Dawkins, Tyrene Huff, Jonathan Hunt, Kevin Hurley, Michael Kreher, Patricia Lucek, Paula Nash, Santiago Osorio, Tracie Roberson, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov, and George Wright.

Report from the Chair

Approval of the February 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Chair Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion to approve was made by Board Member Kathryn Powers and seconded by Board Member Freda Hardage. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.¹

¹Board members Ryan Glover, Christopher Tomlinson, W. Thomas Worthy joined the meeting after the vote to approve the minutes.

²Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). Per the MARTA Act, he is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Discussion re: Selection/Election Process for Board Officers

Chair Scott led discussion regarding the process whereby Board Chairs are annually selected. Chair Scott established an ad-hoc committee to meet on this issue and return to the full Board with a recommendation on how to proceed. Chair Scott appointed the following to the committee: Board Vice Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Board Member Stacy Blakley, Board Member Jim Durrett, and Board Member Thomas Worthy.

Report from the General Manager/CEO

Negotiated Bond Underwriting Pool RFQ and Plan of Finance

Chief Financial Officer Raj Srinath and Deputy Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hurley updated the Board on establishing a negotiated transaction underwriter pool, an upcoming direct purchase tender, and anticipated bond issue for new money.

Vaccine Update

Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero briefed the Board on MARTA's COVID-19 vaccination efforts on behalf of employees.

Executive Session

Board Member Durrett made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a real estate matter. Board Member Blakley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 12 – 0 with 13 members present.² The Board entered executive session at 1:07 p.m. and returned at 1:35 p.m.

Other Matters

None.

Adjournment

The Committee meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.