



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**WORK SESSION**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Board Chair Rita Scott called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Members Present</b>
Stacy Blakley	Jeffrey Parker
Jim Durrett	Collie Greenwood
William Floyd	Rhonda Allen
Roderick Frierson	Melissa Mullinax
Freda Hardage	Ralph McKinney
Russell McMurry <sup>1</sup>	Manjeet Ranu
Al Pond	Raj Srinath
Kathryn Powers	M. Scott Kreher
Rita Scott, <b>Chair</b>	
Reginald Snyder	
Christopher Tomlinson <sup>1</sup>	

Also, in attendance: MARTA Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; Carrie Rocha of Jacobs, Kirk Talbott, Paula Nash, Jacqueline Holland, Donna DeJesus, Jonathan Hunt, Kevin Hurley, Jacob Vallo, and Tyrene Huff.

**Report from the Chair**

***Approval of August 12, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes***

Board Chair Rita Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Board Member Freda Hardage and seconded by Board Member Jim Durrett. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 9 to 0 with 11 members present.<sup>1</sup>

Board Chair Rita Scott shared that on Wednesday, September 8, Congresswoman Nikema Williams hosted a transit needs roundtable for Transit members and those concerned about the transit needs of Atlanta. The roundtable was conducted by the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Congresswoman.

<sup>1</sup>Russell McMurry is Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA). Per the MARTA Act, both are non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

**Report from the General Manager/CEO**

***Municipal Bond Financing***

Chief Financial Officer, Raj Srinath, provided an overview of MARTA Municipal Bond Financing.

***Federal Transportation Funding***

GM/CEO Jeffrey Parker provided an overview of the Federal Transportation Funding included in various passed bills. He discussed the bills that have the most significant impact on MARTA as an agency.

***COVID-19 Vaccination***

GM/CEO Parker notified the Board that there is a resolution around a vaccination policy in your Board packets. We seek endorsement from the MARTA Board of Directors around a vaccination and testing program for unvaccinated employees. It will be presented at the Board meeting.

***Comments by the General Manager/CEO***

GM Parker announced various upcoming meetings and events.

**Executive Session**

Board Member Freda Hardage made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss litigation and real estate matters, seconded by Board Member Pond. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 9 – 0 with 11 members present.<sup>1</sup> The Board entered the executive session at 12:53 P.M. and returned at 1:38 P.M.

**Other Matters**

None

**Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 1:38 P.M.