

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

July 11, 2019

12:01 p.m.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Jim Durrett
William 'Bill' Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
Rita A. Scott
W. Thomas Worthy

Staff Members Present

Jeffrey A. Parker
Wanda Dunham
Collie Greenwood
Gordon Hutchinson
Melissa Mullinax
Elizabeth O'Neill
Franklin Rucker
Heather Alhadeff
Marsha Anderson Bomar
LaShanda Dawkins
Virgil Fludd
James Siebert (Interim)
Kirk Talbott
Emil Tzanov
Thomas Young (Interim)
Dean Mallis

Also in attendance LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight, LLP; Executive Director Paula Nash; Sr. Directors Lyle Harris (Contract) and George Wright; Directors John Cochran, Donna DeJesus, David Emory, Jonathan Hunt, Douglas Miller and Adam Shumaker; Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt; Sr. Executive Administrators Ashanti Boothe, Kenya Hammond and Keri Lee. Others in attendance Adrien Carter, Abebe Girmay, Courtne Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope and Akio Turner.

Also in attendance Shane Britt of Arcadis; Safiya A. Khalid; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Sherry B. Williams of Georgia Stand Up.

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Ms. Ivey the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present to go into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Griffin the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present to adjourn the Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.

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Chair's Report

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, July 26, 2019

- Audit Committee – 10:00am

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- Planning & External Relations Committee – 9:30am
- Operations & Safety Committee – (immediately following Planning)
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following Operations)

Thursday, August 15, 2019

- Work Session – 12:00noon
- Board – 1:30pm

Approval of the June 13, 2019 Work Session Minutes

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Griffin, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

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Chair Hardage reported that the MARTA jurisdictions, the MARTA Board's Executive Committee and the ATL Executive Committee came together on Monday, July 8th to discuss how the ATL affects MARTA. General Manager/CEO Parker spoke. Mr. Tomlinson and Ms. Alhadeff gave presentations. It was well received and there was robust conversation. The slide presentation was sent to MARTA Board members.

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Mr. Griffin commended Chair Hardage and thanked her for bringing everyone together. He stated how important it is for everyone to hear the same message at the same time.

Mr. Floyd stated it was great to see everyone in the room at the same time. It was an appropriate and important conversation and will lead to more collaboration.

Ms. Scott said on Tuesday, DeKalb County Commissioners passed a resolution. She asked how would the resolution that passed affect the previous presentation.

Mr. Parker said one thing we wanted to make clear for both DeKalb and Fulton County is Fulton has completed the transit study and identified the projects that are fiscally constrained. DeKalb County has approved the overall plan (as you mentioned on this past Tuesday) which has four options – a) don't do anything, b) a historic MARTA endorsed corridors in those modes, c) half-penny option and d) full-penny option. For Dekalb County to take to a referendum, those projects will have to be approved and part of the ATL's Transportation Plan.

Mr. Floyd asked if Ms. Scott has she seen the resolution

Ms. Scott said yes, she has a copy. The resolution was proposed by several community groups as a collaborative. There was a special called meeting on Monday, where it was decided to place the resolution on the agenda for Tuesday. She read the resolution in part ... 'whereas South DeKalb County residents have paid a 1% tax to fund MARTA operations and capital improvements since 1972; and whereas there has been no rail extension in South DeKalb County ...' Ms. Scott noted that the resolution does not cover just S. DeKalb, but all of DeKalb. The resolution was voted on at the Commissioners meeting and it passed.

Mr. Parker pointed out the county through their transit plan will set priorities. Ultimately the county will act and approve the plan. It will also have to be on the ATL's Plan which would allow it to go to a referendum.

Mr. Floyd said from his understanding, this resolution may impact the way the Board looks at the transit plan.

Mr. Parker agreed, noting it would shape the priorities of the county and ultimately put forth the project list that gets advanced to the ATL.

General Manager/CEO Report

July 4th Peachtree Road Race

Mr. Parker reported that a few things were done differently during this year's race:

- In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the race, service was started an hour earlier at 4:00am.
- For folks returning from the race, MARTA augmented rail service with bus service that took people directly back to Lindbergh Station - 40 buses were at Piedmont & 12th. Buses were directly from Piedmont to Lindbergh Station. The buses were heavily used with very positive feedback from customers.
- Seventy transit Ambassadors were deployed.
- 25 MARTA employees ran in the race

This year's race represented the busiest ridership MARTA has ever had.

New Car Procurement Status / Overhaul on Existing Fleet

Mr. Miller presented a briefing.

- Award was made in March 2019
- We anticipate Board approval and Notice to Proceed by the fall.
- Media event to announce and will include a ceremonial signing
- There will be a couple years of design and build
- Design review and mock-up by Board members, operators and the public
- Hard mock-up will be a 3-dimensional cab model to give a better sense of space and changes that need to be made
- Pilot cars – 4 cars that will be tested for six months
- Production

The challenge is keeping the existing cars in service. There are some cars in the fleet that are 40 years old. If we do nothing, our service level will steadily decline. The Mean Distance Between Failure (MDBF) on current cars is approximately 5,400 miles. Contractual requirement on the new cars is 21,000. How will we maintain service in the interim?

- Life Extension was awarded to Kinkisharyo. They will overhaul all 118 of the CQ311 cars. They are replacing doors, system overhauls on the major

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- subsystem, converting lighting from fluorescent to LED, upgrading auxiliary power supply, overhauling the high backs and destination sign upgrades. The first rehab car is due back next month (August)
- Testing trucks (CQ310 & CQ311s) to operate another seven years
- Car body and structural inspection to look for long-term wear
- There are CQ312 critical systems upgrades that need to be done
- In house multi-unit program for modification and improvements and safety issues
- LCare Program – overhauls internally on CQ312 (75% complete)
- In house Bridge Program (25% complete)
- Periodic Inspection Program
- Internal Quality Control Program

Mr. Durrett asked if labor is coming here to Atlanta.

Mr. Miller said the CQ311 cars are being done by Kinkisharyo in New Jersey. The CQ312s are being done by the LCare program here in Atlanta. Any mods are done here in Atlanta either by staff or contractors.

Mr. Floyd asked what the costs of the contracts are.

Mr. Miller said the CQ311 is \$91M. The CQ310 are \$46M.

Mr. Floyd asked if this is local funds.

Mr. Miller responded yes.

Mr. Frierson commented on watching a program where the configuration of seating was changed.

Mr. Miller said patrons congregate in front of the doors. To keep patrons away from the doors, the hanging holders were removed.

Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Miller and his team in getting the Authority ready for the July 4th event.

Mr. Floyd asked for a quick update on rail replacement program.

Mr. Parker reported the Authority is on the 4th generation of track replacement. MARTA will replace rail in areas that are difficult to get to.

Mr. Rucker said there are 190,000 feet of rail that need replacing and a briefing will be included on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:34 p.m.