

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY
September 12, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on September 12, 2019 at 1:51 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert L. Ashe III
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
John 'Al' Pond
Rita A. Scott
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members – Chief System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief Capital Programs, Planning and Innovation Franklin Rucker, Chief of Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Heather Alhadeff, LaShanda Dawkins, David Petrisky (Acting), James Sibert (Interim), Kirk Talbott and Thomas Young (Interim); Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Paula Nash; Senior Directors Pia Forbes and Erica Pines; Directors Donna DeJesus, David Emory, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Jonathan Hunt, Donna Jennings, Connie Krisak and Dorinda McCombs; Manager Stephany Fisher; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt; Sr. Executive Administrator Keri Lee. Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Edward Bishop, Adrien Carter, Natalia Cobb, Deli Davis, Cedric Griffin, Tamara Hunte, Leeshu Kennedy, Courtne Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope and Demeka Wallace.

Also in attendance were Robert Highsmith, Jr. and Koko Lewis of Holland & Knight; Alan Babilinski of West End; Tenel Belcher; Claudia Bilotta of WSP; Rhonda Briggins of Jacobs; Tim Brown of Jacobs; Joetta Burnette; Amanda Chapman; Dave Edwards of MA/Atlas; Keidra Harris of Jacobs; John Jones; Paul Jones; Stella Lawson; Edward Leidelmeyer of

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Fulton County; Leighann Little of Jacobs; Gina Mangham of CCSD; John Orr of Atlanta Regional; Jonathan Ravenelle; Marcellus Rowe; Cassandra Sands; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Angela Schwartz of Atkins; Sherry B. Williams of Georgia Stand-Up.

Public Comment

Dr. Ed Williams. The Board of Directors cannot institute a sales tax without a referendum. Please make sure you are familiar with the Georgia Constitution. The Board cannot continue to pass amendments for a contract that was only meant to be 50 years.

Ms. Amanda Chapman. MARTA is as good as its employees. MARTA needs to revamp its Human Resources department. There is too much favoritism. The Decatur station elevator has been out since May. The elevator is down more than it is up. Please repair the elevator.

Ms. Joetta Burnette. I was hurt. I have been asking for help. I hope before the day is over I receive help.

Mr. Alan Babilinski. The MARTA app does not always work. With everything going on around the Beltline, we lack connectivity. He asked that the Board reconsider some of the routes to bring connectivity to the Beltline.

Ms. Tenel Belcher. There are station agents and station maintainers that witness violent acts at MARTA stations. When police officers encounter a shooting, they are immediately put on administrative leave so that they can decompress; so are workers in other professions such as teachers/students, firemen. Ms. Belcher asked that the Board consider putting MARTA employees that experience violent acts on leave in order to decompress.

Ms. Gina Mangham. The community is open to light rail. The community is not set on heavy rail. We need to move to the next step. Ms. Mangham asked that the MARTA Board look at the budget in order to invest in a study and planning for rail for southeast DeKalb.

Mr. Marcellus Rowe. A MARTA employee and taxpayer. MARTA's managerial team is ignoring the low morale of both represented and non-represented employees. Employees are being mistreated and belittled when filing complaints.

Ms. Sherry Williams. Expressed enjoyment of today's Work Session on TOD and looks forward to future plans especially for south of I-20, S. Fulton and Clayton. Affordable housing numbers look promising. Please include Georgia Stand Up in future planning.

Additionally, both escalators were out at Oakland City today. The timespan to repair escalators and elevators needs attention. It takes too long for repair. Ms. Williams urged everyone to wear pink next month in observance of National Breast Cancer month.

Mr. Paul Jones. The three Atlanta Board members, the three Fulton County Board members and the four DeKalb County Board members: I cease to be amazed, MARTA continually deciding not to put the adopted budget on MARTA's website, particularly the Capital Budget. Residents of DeKalb continue to request expanded rail. Gwinnett cannot connect with rail without coming through DeKalb. Why does Gwinnett want to be a part of MARTA? Why can't the Budget go online before October/November? The jurisdictional reports are different for each jurisdiction, particularly when it comes to the MORE MARTA program. MARTA is taking DeKalb money to take care of Atlanta. To the three Atlanta Board members – I cannot find out how much the streetcar extension will cost. Will it be double or single track?

Minutes of the August 15, 2019 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Ms. Ivey, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

On behalf of Committee Chair Mr. Ashe, Mr. Pond reported the Planning & External Relations Committee met on August 29, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a) Resolution Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Enter Into the Five Party Memorandum of Agreement
- b) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of CPMO Consultant Supplemental Services, RFP P43871

On motion by Mr. Pond seconded by Mr. Worthy, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) MARTA Service Standards FY 20
- b) FY 19 Sales and Revenue Overview

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on August 29, 2019 and received the following briefings:

- a) Bus Maintenance Past, Present and Future
- b) Wildlife Management and Deterrent Solutions for MARTA Facilities

Business Management Committee Report

On behalf of Committee Chair Mr. Durrett, Mr. Floyd reported the Business Management Committee met on August 29, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Single Source Contract for the Procurement of Risk Management Information Software as a Service (SaaS) System, RFP P44741
- b. Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for Disposal Parcel D2106 at 2283 Brooks Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA IFB B44027

On motion by Mr. Floyd seconded by Mr. Pond, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) FY2019 June Non-Financial Key Performance Indicators

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:16 p.m.