



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Kathryn Powers called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

James Durrett  
William Floyd  
Roderick Frierson  
Freda Hardage  
Al Pond  
Kathryn Powers  
Rita Scott  
Valencia Williamson  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Sagirah Jones

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Stacy Blakley  
Russell McMurry  
Thomas Worthy  
Jennifer Ide  
Jannine Miller

**Staff Members Present:**

Melissa Mullinax  
Ralph McKinney  
Rhonda Allen  
Carrie Rocha  
Peter Andrews  
George Wright  
Kevin Hurley  
Michael Kreher

**Also in Attendance:** Justice Leah Ward Sears  
Jonathan Hunt  
Paula Nash  
Jacqueline Holland  
Tyrene Huff  
Kenya Hammond  
Phyllis Bryant

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTALS VIA TELEPHONE, U.S. MAIL AND IN PERSON)**

Chris Ferguson [via email]  
Mary Flatt [via email]  
Genevieve Sanders [via email]  
Elaine Long [in person]  
Ms. Chatman [in person]  
Rebecca Serna [in person]  
Michael Keith [in person]  
Marshall Phipps [in person]  
Demarius Merkeson [in person]  
Carden Wycoff [in person]

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes from the May 9, 2024, Board Meeting and the May 14, 2024, Special Called Board Meeting**

Approval of the Minutes from the May 9, 2024, Board Meeting and the May 14, 2024 Special Called Board Meeting. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**2. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee Chair Report Audit**

No action items.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair James Durrett reported that the Committee met on May 23, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

**Committee Chair Report Business Management**

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d & 3e. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Pond, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**4. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Vice-Chair Kathryn Powers reported that the Committee met on May 23, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

**Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs**

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee 4a, 4b, and 4c. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**5. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on May 23, 2024, and approved the following resolution:

**Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety**

Approval of the Operations & Safety Committee Resolution 5a. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**6. EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Rita Scott reported that the Committee met on May 23, 2024, and approved the following resolution:

**Committee Chair Report External Relations**

No action items.

**7. OTHER MATTERS**

Chief Legal Counsel Peter Andrews read into the record the following resolutions and settlements emanating from the Executive Session:

**REAL ESTATE**

- Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the Sixth Round of Acquisition Offers and Settlements for Right of Way and Easements in support of the MARTA Rapid A-Line Summerhill Project, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.
- Resolution Authorizing the Submittal, Negotiation and Settlement of the Third Round of Acquisition Offers for Right of Way and Easements in support of the Cleveland Avenue and Metropolitan Parkway Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) Project, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.
- Resolution Authorizing the Submittal, Negotiation, and Settlement of the Second Round of Acquisition Offers for Right of Way and Easements in support of the Cleveland Avenue and Metropolitan Parkway Arterial Rapid Transit {ART} Project, City of East Point, Fulton County, GA. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.

**LITIGATION**

- Settlement – \$250,000 – Workers Comp claim – Karen Cook. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed with a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

- Settlement – \$2.5 million – Terika Farmer v. MARTA and Eric Gibson. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed with a vote of 10 to 0 with 11 members present.

**8. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

1. Chair Kathryn Powers expressed confidence in Kevin Hurley and the finance team to address any accounting discrepancies related to the MORE Marta audit with our partners. She reaffirmed her support for the ongoing work on the MARTA Five Point station project and commended the agency's management team for their work with local, state, and federal partners.
2. Board Member William Floyd is in support of the ongoing work on the MARTA Five Points station project. He emphasized the need to address the issue of handicapped access to and from the station and highlighted that things are likely to change as the renovation begins. This is crucial for the future of MARTA and the City of Atlanta, with safety being the top priority.
3. Board Member Sagirah Jones is proud of the progress MARTA has made in ensuring accessibility and addressing safety concerns. She also wants to emphasize the importance of engaging with the community to truly understand their experiences, rather than just focusing on engineering and planning needs. It is important to ensure that this process is conducted in a safe and orderly manner.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/S7j4x-v47kA?feature=shared>

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SOFTWARE (RMIS) AS A SERVICE, RFP P50553**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Risk Management Information Software as a Service is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the procurement of Risk Management Information Software as a Service, after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the procurement of Risk Management Information Software as a Service by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

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**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
Rapid Transit Authority**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE  
PROCUREMENT OF WORKER’S COMPENSATION MANAGED CARE OPERATION  
(MCO), RFP P50540**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the replacement of Worker’s Compensation Managed Care Operation (MCO) is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the replacement of Worker’s Compensation Managed Care Operation (MCO), after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the replacement of Worker’s Compensation

Managed Care Operation (MCO) by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE  
PROCUREMENT OF DENTAL, CRITICAL ILLNESS, GROUP LIFE, ACCIDENTAL  
DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT (“AD&D”) AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE  
COVERAGES, RFP P50554**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Dental, Critical Illness, Group Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (“AD&D”) and Supplemental Life Insurance Coverages is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the procurement of Dental, Critical Illness, Group Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (“AD&D”) and Supplemental Life Insurance Coverages, after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the procurement of Dental, Critical Illness, Group Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (“AD&D”) and Supplemental Life Insurance Coverages by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACT ACTUAL  
AUTHORIZATION FOR CLOUD BASED LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL P42158**

**WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2018, the General Manager entered into a Contract with SABA Software, Inc, for Cloud Based Learning Management System, Request for Proposal P42158; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2019, a modification was executed to extend the contract term to July 30, 2020, and increase the contract value from \$131,668.86 to \$197,441.97; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2020, MARTA's Board of Directors authorized a modification to extend the contract term to July 31, 2021, and add additional funds in the amount of \$282,479.00 to increase the contract value to \$479,920.97; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2021, a modification was executed to extend the contract term to July 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2021, the General Manager/CEO's contingency of \$5,000.00 was requested and utilized; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 3, 2023, a modification was executed to extend the contract term to July 30, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, MARTA staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to extend the contract term for an additional one (1) year and increase the contract value to provide for known changes and additions to the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to extend the contract term and increase the authorization for Contract No. P42158 Cloud Based Learning Management System from \$484,920.97 to \$607,948.99.

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**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR MARTA EMPLOYEE  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) SERVICES  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER P50406**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's Department of Human Resources has identified the need for Employment Assistance Program (EAP) Services, Request for Proposal Number P50406; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 7, 2024 the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent to potential Offerors notice of its Request for Proposals for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Services, RFP P50406; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the said Request for Proposals was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area on February 9, 2024, February 27, 2024, March 4, 2024 and March 14, 2024 prior to the proposal deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, all Proponents were given the opportunity to protest the proposal instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., local time, five (5) proposals were received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's staff determined that Health Advocate Solutions, Inc.

submitted the most advantageous offer and other factors considered and is technically and financially capable of providing the services.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in the Request for Proposals Number P50406, between the Authority and Health Advocate Solutions, Inc. for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Services in the amount of \$276,815.00.

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**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
MARTA UTILITY LOCATE SERVICES, IFB B50449**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's Office of Capital Programs Delivery has identified the need for MARTA Utility Locate Services, Invitation for Bids Number B50449; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2024, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent Notice of the Invitation for Bids to potential Bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the said Invitation for Bids was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area, once in each of the two weeks prior to opening bids; and

**WHEREAS**, all Bidders were given an opportunity to protest the bid instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., local time, one (1) bid was publicly opened and read aloud; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Internal Audit performed a cost/price analysis and determined that the bid price submitted by International Design Services Inc., is fair, reasonable, and

**WHEREAS**, the single bid submitted by International Design Services Inc., is a responsive and responsible and the bidder is capable of performing the Contract.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in the Invitation for Bids Number B50449, MARTA Utility Locate Services between the Authority and International Design Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,964,876.35.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF QUALIFICATION  
STATEMENTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE  
CANDLER ROAD  
ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART), AE 50557**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Final Design Services of the Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the Procurement of the Final Design Services of the Candler Road ART, after the solicitation of qualification statements and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit qualification statements for the procurement of Final Design Services of the Candler Road ART by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for

Qualification Statements.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF QUALIFICATION  
STATEMENTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FINAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE  
STONECREST TRANSIT HUB, AE 50558**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Final Design Services of the Stonecrest Transit Hub is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the Procurement of Final Design Services of the Stonecrest Transit Hub, after the solicitation of qualification statements and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit qualification statements for the Procurement of Final Design Services of the Stonecrest Transit Hub by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Qualification Statements.

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**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTUAL  
AUTHORIZATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TRANSIT SCHEDULING  
SUPPORT SERVICES, LOA L50415**

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2023, the Chief of Capital Programs Expansion & Innovation entered into a Contract with Nelson Nygarrrd Consulting Associates, Inc, Letter of Agreement L50415; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to increase the contract value to provide for known changes and additions to the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to increase the authorization for Contract No. L50415 Professional Services for Transit Scheduling Support Services from \$197,476.70 to \$357,216.70.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE  
PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TRANSIT SCHEDULING  
SUPPORT SERVICES, RFP P50564**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Professional Services for Transit Scheduling Support Services is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, award of a Contract for the procurement of Professional Services for Transit Scheduling Support Services, after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the procurement of Professional Services for Transit Scheduling Support Services by means other than competitive bidding, in

accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

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