

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

November 1, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on November 1, 2018 at 1:30 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
Robert F. Dallas
Jim Durrett
William "Bill" Floyd
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
John "Al" Pond
Christopher Sean Tomlinson*
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members – Chief of System Safety, Security & Emergency Management Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Elayne Berry, LaShanda Dawkins, Benjamin Limmer, David Springstead, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov and Tom Young (Interim); Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis, Executive Director Paula Nash (Interim); Sr. Directors Donna DeJesus (Acting) and Lyle Harris (Contract); Directors Rhonda Allen, Onyinye Akujuo, John Cochran (Acting) and Keith Sanders; Managers Jacquelyn Bentley, Satyn Geary and Niki Hester; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Executive Office Ashanti Boothe, Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt; Sr. Executive Administrator Finance Keri Lee. Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Carlos Arrietta, Adrien Carter, Tammy Dalton, Winston Douglas, Abebe Girmay, Dena Hasty, Courte Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope.

* Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is GDOT Commissioner, and are therefore non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Also in attendance were LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight LLP; Gloria Bryant; Viola Davis of Restore DeKalb; Sheila Douglas; Brenda DuBose of Park Trace Apartments; Etherline Durham; Jacqueline Hood; Safiya (Sophia) Khalid; Jennifer Larosa of SRTA/ATL; Edward Leidelmeyer of Fulton County; Thomas Marshall of City of Atlanta; Matthew Perry of LIME; Scheree Rawles; Joanne Rhone of NPU; Rob Ross of Kimley-Horn; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Guy Seymour of Park Trace Apartments; Kay Wallace of West End; Ed Williams of Concerned Citizens for Effective Government; Steve Williams-resident of Capitol View; Terri Williams.

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Public Comment

Mr. Matthew Perry. We are interested in affordable, equitable accessible transportation.

Dr. Joanne Rhone. My concern and the concern of my neighbors is the renaming of the MARTA West End Station. I wrote a letter to the President of the Board upon learning of the name change and met with staff. She reviewed MARTA's policy on the naming and renaming of stations and found it to be very broad. The last response I received was the Committee of the Board is working on a policy. The last response to questions about the policy was that it was passed to the Legal Department. We want the Board to rescind the renaming of West End Station. We want the name to remain West End.

Ms. Kay Wallace. Like Dr. Rhone, I am a long-term resident of West End. I was here about four months ago. In 2001 the Board decided to rename West End Station, Abernathy. In 2007 it came up again. And now in 2018, here we are again. We understand honoring the Abernathys. Please do not dishonor our community at the same time. We have suggested things that can be done at the stations, rail cars and buses. We have a community that predates Atlanta, a community that has a brand and an identity. We are one of the most walkable communities in Atlanta and one of the most transit accessible communities. There is no reason to rename West End. Today you will be presented with a petition from the West End community. There is an article in today's AJC. We would like you to rescind your decision.

Mr. Steve Williams. Live in Capitol View near the Oakland City MARTA Station. The elevator on the Murphy Street side has not been operable for 33 years. A 200-person senior center was recently built. Several years ago, we were told the senior center was going to be build and MARTA would put in an elevator at the station. A second elevator was supposed to be put in this past summer. Nothing has been done.

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Ms. Brenda DuBose. Live in an elderly community at 700 Atlanta Avenue. We have a problem accessing the Decatur Station. The community need a bus that will come closer to the community. A lot of the residents are in wheel chairs. Please consider reopening #2 Ponce bus and the #123. The community need this service.

Mr. Guy Seymour. Also, a resident of 700 Atlanta Avenue. The building is at the top of a hill. We have issues accessing the bus stop. We need a bus that comes up to the building.

Ms. Sophia Khalid. All ADA people who are riders of MARTA should file a class action lawsuit against MARTA for lack of ADA accessibility to buses and lack of sidewalks. I have to take 2 buses and 2 trains and I almost got hit last week. There are people that have fallen off Bus 24.

Rep. Viola Davis. We have been discussing shelters and benches which should have been solved ten years ago. The signage could have been solved by now. You close the restrooms, when you're putting in Coke machines. Why would MARTA extend the tax another ten years? Look up Georgia Tea Party.com and DeKalb Tea Party.com. This is about inequity, particularly about the tax money.

Mr. Joel Edwards. Mr. John Evans sends greetings. We came before you in July to announce that DeKalb County is underserved. There are problems with ADA, bus service, time intervals between bus arrivals, shelters and cleaning of bus stops. Some MARTA Board members are a problem because they are not representing DeKalb.

Dr. Ed Williams. There are problems with the contracts MARTA enter with the jurisdictions. Two major contracts are RTCAA signed in 1971 and a new contract with Gwinnett. The Gwinnett contract will not be a part of the RTCAA. The City of Atlanta Streetcar is not part of the RTCAA. This is unfair. Until we get equity there will be legal issues. Dr. Williams encouraged everyone to read the Contracts that MARTA have signed with the jurisdictions.

Ms. Sherry Williams. Enjoyed Ms. Allen's presentation on the Super Bowl. Ms. Williams proposed adding an express bus to Camp Creek area, stop at Barge Road parking lot and from there go straight to Oakland City. We want to ensure there is additional capacity. Also, something should be done about Hamilton Holmes.

Ms. Terri Williams. Started commuting on MARTA in December 2016. My complaints have been continuous. There are still issues with the #110. The wait time is 30 minutes to one hour.

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Presentation

Mr. Parker recognized one of MARTA's unsung heroes, Mr. Winston Douglas.

Mr. Douglas was on his bus route and came across a situation involving a southwest Atlanta woman. He stopped his bus, de-boarded and intervened in what was a very dangerous situation. On behalf of the MARTA Board and MARTA Family, Mr. Parker presented a plaque to Mr. Douglas in honor of his heroic deed.

Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Dallas seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on October 4, 2018 and received the following briefings:

- a) Results of Public Hearings on Service Modifications for December 2018
- b) Customer Service Update

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Durrett reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on October 25, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Construction Management Services for Indefinite Quantity Construction Contracts (CMIQCC), RFP P40987

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 13* members present. **A copy of the resolution, AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Mr. Pond abstained.

- b. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Extended Service Antifreeze, IFB B42074

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Floyd, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Mrs. Hardage reported that the Business Management Committee met on October 25, 2018 and received the following briefings:

- a. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program Update
- b. FY 2019 August Financials and Non-Financial Key Performance Indicators

Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operation, RFP P42894

On motion by Mr. Worthy seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Resolution Granting Waiver of the MARTA Code of Ethics to Siemens to Contract with MARTA While Jimmy Kim is Employed by Siemens Prior to One Year of his Termination of Employment With MARTA

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Pond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Nominating Committee

Chairman Ashe announced members for the 2018 Nominating Committee:

- Ryan C. Glover, Chair
- William 'Bill' Floyd
- Jerry Griffin
- Alicia M. Ivey
- W. Thomas Worthy

Comments from the Board

Mr. Dallas attended MARTA Partnership Day on October 31. The presentation was excellent. He commended staff for a job well done.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:07 p.m.