



**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 Chair Stacy Blakley 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>