



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Thomas Worthy called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Stacy Blakley  
Jim Durrett  
William Floyd  
Roderick Frierson  
Freda Hardage  
Al Pond  
Thomas Worthy  
Valencia Williamson  
Sagirah Jones

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Russell McMurry  
Kathryn Powers  
Rita Scott  
Jennifer Ide  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Jannine Miller

**Staff Members Present:**

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

**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)**

Shapell Womble [via email]  
David Hassel [in person]  
Derrick Blessingame [in person]  
Roderick Jeffrey [in person]

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes from November 9, 2023 Board Meeting**

On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present.

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution Authorizing Placement of Insurance Policies for the Five Points Transformation Project**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Placement of Insurance Policies for the Five Points Transformation Project. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the resolution passed by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of a non-exclusive Permanent Easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for GDOT Parcel 6A along SR29/Lee Street at the intersection of Lee Street and Sylvan Road**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of a non-exclusive Permanent Easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for GDOT Parcel 6A along SR29/Lee Street at the intersection of Lee Street and Sylvan Road. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the resolution passed by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Final Design Services for the Clayton County Southlake BRT Alignment and Airport Connectivity, AE50443**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Final Design Services for the Clayton County Southlake BRT Alignment and Airport Connectivity, AE50443. On a motion by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Board Member Pond, the resolution passed by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of Design-Build Services for Track Isolation Integrity Monitoring System, RFP P50067**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of Design-Build Services for Track Isolation Integrity Monitoring System, RFP P50067. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 9 to 0 with 9 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Brookhaven Oglethorpe Station Flooring Replacement, IFB B50185**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Brookhaven Oglethorpe Station Flooring Replacement, IFB B50185. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP 28941, Avondale Yard Gap Breaker (EEX) Equipment Replacement**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP 28941, Avondale Yard Gap Breaker (EEX) Equipment Replacement. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP 28939, Systemwide Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Replacement**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP 28939, Systemwide Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Replacement. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP B12225, Furnishing and Installing the AC Track Circuit Upgrade and Train Alert Lights – Phase II**

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Final Acceptance for Contract CP B12225, Furnishing and Installing the AC Track Circuit Upgrade and Train Alert Lights – Phase II. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**3. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Jim Durrett reported that the Committee met on November 16, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

**Committee Chair Report Business Management**

Approval of Business Management Resolutions 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e and 10f. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Worthy, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**4. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on November 16, 2023, and approved the following resolution:

**Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety**

Approval of Operations & Safety Committee Resolutions 11a, 11b, 11c and 11d. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with members present.

**5. EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Rita Scott reported that the Committee met on November 16, 2023, and approved the following resolution:

**Committee Chair Report External Relations**

No action items.

**6. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Frierson reported that the Committee met on November 17, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

**Committee Chair Report Audit**

No action items.

**7. RESOLUTION OF THE MARTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF THE FULTON TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY ENHANCEMENT AUTHORITY**

**Resolution Appointing Kevin Hurley to Fulton County Technology and Energy**

Resolution Appointing Kevin Hurley to Fulton County Technology and Energy. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Frierson, the resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Approval of the 2024 Board Officers**

Approval of the 2024 Board Officers. On a motion by Board Member Williamson, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**Approval of the Proposed 2024 Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings**

Approval of the Proposed 2024 Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Frierson, the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with 7 members present.

**9. OTHER MATTERS**

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

**REAL ESTATE**

- Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an Administrative Settlement to Complete Acquisition of 5265 Old Dixie Road, MARTA Parcel B097B, City of Forest Park, Clayton County, GA for the Clayton County Multi-Purpose Operations and Maintenance Facility. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0, with 7 members present.
- Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of an Administrative Settlement to Complete Acquisition of 0 Ridge Avenue SW, MARTA Parcel B128, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA for the MARTA Rapid Summerhill Project. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0, with 7 members present.

**LITIGATION**

- \$225,000 in the worker's compensation claim of Wyteria Jackson - On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0, with 7 members present.

- \$369,704 in the worker's compensation claim of Cathy Hunt - On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0, with 7 members present.
- \$500,000 in the Gerald Johnson v. MARTA lawsuit - On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0, with 7 members present.

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Chair Worthy expressed his appreciation to all the Board members and the MARTA Staff. This is my last meeting as Chair, it has been a distinctly high honor to serve as Chair. I appreciate the confidence that you all put in me. I hope I made you proud.

Mr. Durrett expressed on behalf of the entire Board, those that are present and those that are not, appreciation for the leadership that Chair Worthy has shown, and he also expressed appreciation for Rita Scott's leadership as Immediate Past Chair.

Mr. Pond expressed his appreciation to Chair Worthy. As they say in South Georgia, you've done good.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.