

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

August 12, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on August 12, 2013 at 3:26 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Wendy Butler
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Roderick E. Edmond
Keith Golden, PE
Barbara Babbit Kaufman
Jannine Miller*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Executive Team Members - Program Manager of Strategic Transformation Initiative (STI) Davis Allen, Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchison, Chief Operating Officer Rich Krisak; AGMs Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Shyam Dunna (Acting), Jonnie Keith (Acting), Cheryl King, Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Director Kevin Hurley; Managers Yolanda King, Sherma Sobers and Beverly Williams; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator to the MARTA Board Kellee Mobley; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Carlos Arrieta, Dontaye Brown, Willie Clemons, Jeremy Craig, Don Lawrence, Anthony Pines and Srinath Remala.

Also in attendance was Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley Friese Torgrimson, LLP; Courtnee Brinker; Bill Daniel; Nia James; Stan King of S.L. King; Tom Lauth of McKenna Long; Michael McDonald of Public Financial Management; Ida Mitchell-Hinton; Hannah Ontiverou; Thomas Otoo; Cecilia Saenz; Aimee Twagikumukiza; Woody Vaughn of King & Spalding; Felker Ward of PIA.

* **Jannine Miller is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors**

Public Comment

Hannah Ontiverou. Ms. Ontiverou asked that the Board look into reallocating funds that have been targeted for a new Buckhead Station entrance. She asked that the funds be used to reinstate bus lines that have been cut since 2010. She stated that MARTA tends to favor choice riders over those who really need to use MARTA to get to jobs.

Aimee Twagikumukiza. Asked that MARTA publicize meetings so that more people will attend. Ms. Twagikumukiza further noted that MARTA needs better weekend schedules, the cost to ride Mobility is too much and station restrooms should be opened.

Minutes of the July 10, 2013 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mrs. Kaufman seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mrs. Butler reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on July 10, 2013 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Approving an Easement to the Atlanta Gas Light Company for a Gas Pipe Through MARTA Parcel C1175G at Avondale Station

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present. **A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION, AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) MARTA Customer Code of Conduct Policy for Nuisance Behavior
- b) I-20 East Transit Initiative
- c) Update on Development Authority of DeKalb County Regarding Chamblee Station
- d) FY 13 Third Quarter Ridership

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Buckley reported that the Audit Committee met on July 25, 2013 and received the following reports:

- a) FY 14 Annual Audit Plan
- b) Audit Activities
- c) Information Technology Top-Down Review
- d) APTA Information Technology Peer Review
- e) Status of Management Audit for December 31, 2013
- f) Status on Resolution Authorizing the Solicitations of Proposals for RFP for Annual Management Audit for Fiscal Year 2014, 2015 and 2016
- g) Status of AGM Audit Search
- h) Next Audit Committee meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2013

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mrs. Kaufman reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on July 29, 2013 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of CNG Protection System Upgrade, CP B24337
- b. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Contractual Authorization for Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing Services by Cardno ATC Through Fiscal Year 2014
- c. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of the Laredo Bus Facility Security Access Upgrades, CP B24310
- d. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Coating Rehabilitation of CS 115 and CS 310 Aerial Structures, CP B24418
- e. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B18595, West Lake Station TCR Waterproofing and Renovations

On motion by Mrs. Kaufman seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Dr. Edmond reported that the Business Management Committee met on July 29, 2013 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Federal Transit Administration New Freedom Program Subgrant Agreement With DeKalb County
- b. Resolution to Approve Additional Bond Validation

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* 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) Debt Program
- b) May Year-to-Date FY 2013 Budget Variance Analysis and Financial KPIs

Resolution Approving a Revised Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the Board unanimously agreed to table this resolution by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

Resolution Authorizing Change in Committee Members Appointed to the Non-Represented Employee Defined Benefit Plan and the Non-Represented Defined Contribution Plan and Trust

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Resolution Authorizing the Increase and Extension of Certain Credit Facilities for Commercial Paper Program

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Mr. Ashe motioned to add the following resolution to the Agenda. Mrs. Butler seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

Resolution Granting a Waiver of the MARTA Code of Ethics to Allow Lowe Engineers, LLP to be Eligible to be Awarded a Contract to Provide Surveying, Engineering and Geospatial Services

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the resolution was approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 8* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Commissioner Golden abstained.

Public Comment (con't)

Nia James. Ms. James suggested that MARTA place marquees in the stations so people will know when the next train will arrive. She asked that Public Commenters receive a 15-second response from the Board or staff as to the status of their comment.

Cowanee Brinker. Ms. Brinker suggested opening a discourse on the implications that transportation and racism has on communities of color.

Thomas Otoo. Mr. Otoo asked MARTA to provide new buses for the Laredo garage fleet. He also requested that station restrooms be reopened.

Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 3:58 p.m.