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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

February 14, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on February 14, 2019 at 1:32 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
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry*
John "Al" Pond

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief Capital Programs, Planning and Innovation Franklin Rucker, Chief Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Elayne Berry, LaShanda Dawkins, Virgil Fludd, Benjamin Limmer, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov and Thomas Young (Interim); Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Paula Nash (Interim); Senior Directors Donna DeJesus, Lyle Harris and Jennifer Jinadu-Wright; Directors Rhonda Allen, Robin Boyd, Robert Goodwin and Jonathan Hunt; Manager Stephany Fisher; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrators Ashanti Boothe, Tonya Gantt and Keri Lee; Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Ed Bishop, Abebe Girmay, Courtne Middlebrooks, Terry Ponder, LaTonya Pope, Adam Schumaker, Noris Wood.

Also in attendance were LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight; Axel Adams of Rainbow Push Coalition; Ayana Bell of ATU Local 732; Terrence Brown of ATU Local 732; Barbara

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is GDOT Commissioner, and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Clemmons; Ila Collins of S.L. King; Shareka Cool of ATU Local 732; Jonathan Crumly of TEDECisions; Britt Dumas of ATU Local 732; Stephan Gresham of Gresham Transportation; Rick Hudson of Beltline Rail Now; Robin Jeffrey-MARTA Retired; Grover Kendrick; Stan King of S.L. King; Christiana Kungu of S.L. King; Michael Majette of ATU Local 732; Michael O'Connel of Fulton County; Charles Paine; Trey Paris of Taylor English Decisions; Keith Parker of CCCAG; Scheree C. Rawles of ATL; Ivanionia Rousseau of City of South Fulton; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Rufus Silas of ATU Local 732; Lisa Stines of NPU-T; Jessica St. Julien of S.L. King; David Ward of ATU Local 732.

Public Comment

Mr. David Ward. Represent workers for ATU Local 732. Congratulated workers and management for a successful contract. The work is not finished, but this is a good starting point.

Mr. Keith Parker. Thanked staff and Board for involvement with the Junior Transit Ambassadors. Thanks also to staff who did the planning on Route 89. This alleviated a 3.6 mile walk to the nearest bus stop. The Clayton Advisory Group also send their appreciation.

Ms. Barbara Clemmons. Voiced concern about MARTA Mobility service. It is her hope that MARTA will take back over the service.

Ms. Sophia Khalid. It is illegal to discriminate based on an individual's religion and disability. Gave a 10-day glimpse to MARTA Police of incidents on the system. I should not have to have to explain my disability to a fixed route driver when I ask to use the lift. I don't appreciate the treatment I am receiving.

Dr. Joanne Rhone. This has been an 18-year process – 2001, 2007 and 2018 with the effort of the Board to rename the West End Station. We have pushed back each time and asked that you find another way to honor the person you are trying to honor. We would like an answer of what you are doing and what it is you are going to do.

Mr. Brent Brewer. Deferred his time.

Mr. Rick Hudson. Spoke on behalf of Beltline Rail Now and Grant Park Neighborhood Association. Please work with the City a little closer on the alignment of the west side especially Beltline transit. There is a data center that will expand right into the right of way. As MARTA prioritize the MORE MARTA project list, please prioritize southeast along with southwest.

Mr. Alex Adams. On behalf of Rep. Jesse Jackson and the Board of Directors, I serve as Executive Director of this region. Mr. Joe Beasley is one of our Board members. I am here today to say that we hope MARTA will reconcile with Gresham Transportation. This has been an ongoing situation. We stand with you in doing the right thing.

Mr. Grover Kendrick. On January 23th at 8:24pm I requested access to the restroom at Lindbergh Station one of the agents told me to not knock on the window again. I reported the Station Agent. West End and Five Points restrooms are a disaster. Customer service at MARTA stations is very bad. Please address my concerns.

Mr. Charles Paine. A resident of Inman Park and a native of Atlanta. MORE MARTA is great. The city will grow over the next few decades. Need more development on Beltline so that we can build density. I ride my bike and use MARTA. I suggest that the last car on every train have wider doors so that we can load our bikes. I stand with West End; the name should not be lost.

Ms. Lisa Stines. Represent the Transportation Chair Executive Committee for the NPU-T. We cover the West End and the Ashby Station. We need help with cleaning up West End – the station is dirty. The maintenance staff is overworked. We desperately need help. Please open Ashby parking lot. West End parking fills up after 9:00am. Ms. Stines asked about the status of MARTA's Ride Advisory Council, stating that she would like to volunteer.

Minutes of the January 10, 2018 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Pond reported the Audit Committee met on January 25, 2019 and received the following briefings:

- a) Jurisdictional Reporting of Transit Revenue and Cost
- b) Review of the Audit Activity Since the Last Audit Committee Meeting
 - Contracts Audit Group
 - Operations Audit Group
 - Information Technology Audit Group
 - Fraud, Waste & Abuse
- c) MARTA Information Technology and Cybersecurity Update

- Technology Preparations for the Super Bowl
- Current Action Items

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported the Planning & External Relations Committee met on January 31, 2019 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Atlanta Regional On-Board Transit Survey

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 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.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) Proposed Service Modifications for April 2019

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on January 31, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of MARTA Parcel D2106 Located on Brooks Avenue, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of MARTA's Excess Operating Liability Insurance Program
- c. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Contractual Authorization for Outside Counsel and Other Legal Services, RFP P36180

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* 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 briefing:

- a) FY 2019 November Financials and Key Performance Indicators

Resolution Approving the Tentative Settlement of the Labor Agreement Between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 732 (ATU)

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 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.**

A Resolution of the MARTA Board of Directors in Recognition of MARTA Employees for Exceptional Performance During Super Bowl LIII

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 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.**

Ms. O'Neill requested approval of the following litigation items:

- a) Alexandria Richardson vs. MARTA - \$1.6M
- b) Otis Hicks vs MARTA - \$2.3M

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, both items (a & b) were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:02 p.m.