

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

September 6, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on September 6, 2018 at 1:42 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, P.E.*
John "Al" Pond

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; Deputy General Manager A. Robert Troup; C-Suite Team Members – Chief of Police & Emergency Management Joseph Dorsey (Acting), Chief Counsel Jonathan Hunt (Acting), Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax; AGMs Benjamin Limmer and Emil Tzanov; Executive Director Shelton Goode; Sr. Directors Donna DeJesus (Acting), Stephany Fisher (Acting) and Lyle Harris (Contract); Director Debbie Frank; Manager Satyn Geary; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Ashanti Boothe, Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt (Contract); Administrator Kenya Hammond; Sr. Executive Administrator-Finance Keri Lee; Administrator Debra Oliver. Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Abebe Girmay, Cedric Griffin, Louis Grisoglio, Dena Hasty, Tamara Hunte, Kareem Jackson, Terry Ponder, LaTonya Pope, Toni Thornton

* 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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Also in attendance were Robert S. Highsmith, Jr. and LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight LLP; Joe Beasley of PUSH; Allen Bell of Atlanta Resource Foundation; Beth Beskin of Georgia General Assembly; Marti Breen of NPU-F; Michael T. Brooks of Mt. Carmel; Sherise Brown of Coalition for Community Benefits; Ruby Bozoman Davis, Sisco Burks, Kay Stephenson and Cathy Woolard of Beltline Rail Now; Annette Davis; Jackson Davis; Viola Davis and Zepora Roberts of Unhappy Taxpayers; Josie Dean; Paula Dempey; Representative David Dryer; J. Edmondson of DeKalb Transit; Tyler Estep and David Wickert of AJC; John Evans; Olivia Feeney of AFSC; Amari Foster and Sherry Williams of Georgia Stand Up; Vincent Fort; Cedric Griffin; Allen Fromherz of Emory Grove; Gary Harrell; Dena Hasty of CEP; Taylor Hendrick; Loran Heyns of *Atlanta Rides.org*; Sandra Holmes of Restore DeKalb; Willette Jackson of NPU-2; Paul Jones; Sagirah Jones; State Representative Sheila Jones; Kacey Keel; Danica Key of McGuire Woods, CRCC; Caleb Kirksey; Barbara Leath; Edward Leidelmeijer of Fulton County; P.J. Lemuel of Restore DeKalb; Connie Lo; Hugh Malkin; Gina Mangham; Ansel Povento; Willie Pringle; Schree Rautes of RTA; Mason Reid; Matthew Rho of Rho Design; Joanne Rhone of West End; Raylyn Robinson; Maxam Robun of NPU-R; Richard Rose of Atlanta NAACP; Maria Saporta and Maggie Lee of *Saporta Report*; Angela Schwartz of Atkins; Ron Shakir of 20/20-CBC; Berrebi Simon; Matt Smith; Sylvia Smith; Lisa Sting of NPU-T; Floyd Taylor; William Tomlin of Emory Grove; Charnette Trimble of Oakland City; Robyn Turner of Capitol View; Grace Walker of WABE News; Kay Wallace of West End; Rev. Washington; Dave Williams of MAC; Ed Williams-Concerned Citizen for Effective Government; Cain Williamson of City of Atlanta; Jim Williamson of Chasewood Park; Gregory Wilson of Arcadis; Curt Yeomans of *Gwinnett Daily Post*;

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Public Comment

Representative Sheila Jones of House District 53. Fulton Industrial remains an important employment corridor. She asked that buses to be added to the corridor.

State Rep. David Dryer, House District 59. Highlands, SE Atlanta, Inman Park have shared values – the residents will be taxed with extra half penny. What benefit will they get. When we think about \$2.5B investment, can we start from a place to help others.

Mr. Fort thanked Rep. Jones. He stated that he voted for the transit plan, but feel that the process is riddled with politics.

Ms. Dean. DeKalb has been waiting for heavy rail a long time. If it does not come to DeKalb County, how will it come to Rockdale.

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Mr. Evans. DeKalb wants heavy rail down I-20.

Rep. Davis. The main objective is heavy rail down I-20. Also, more benches and shelters should be provided at bus stops.

Mr. Berrebi. Light rail and the Atlanta Streetcar is a mistake. The money should be used for more frequent bus service.

Mr. Edwards. Worked for MARTA for 27 years. MARTA failed to put rail at Fulton Industrial and failed at Stonecrest. Something needs to be done.

Ms. Roberts. Spoke in favor of heavy rail for S. DeKalb.

Mr. Norwood. Asked that adequate transportation be provided for DeKalb.

Ms. Stephenson. Before the vote on October 4, Beltline Rail Now will have visited all the NPUs.

Ms. Williams. Equity is needed especially for the transit dependent riders. Prioritize and fund Greenbriar/Campbellton Road BRT/LRT.

Minutes of the August 2, 2018 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Pond, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on August 2, 2018 and received the following briefings:

- a) DeKalb County Transit Master Plan Update
- b) Media Impressions Update for FY 18 4th Quarter

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Dr Edmond reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on August 30, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

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- a. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Contractual Authorization for Structural Inspection Engineering Services
- b. Resolution Authorizing Modification to the Contract for Parking Lot Sweeping Services, B32651

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on August 30, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Federal Transit Administration FY 2018 Formula Grant Assistance
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreements with GAPR1, LLC for the Development of Parcels D3140 and D3202 at Lindbergh City Center Station RFP P38602
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of MARTA Parcels D3140 and D3202 at Lindbergh City Center Station in Atlanta, Georgia
- e. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA's Mystery Customer Program, Request for Proposals Number P41113

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Dallas, the resolutions 'a, b, c & e' 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.**

- d. Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Lease Agreement Between MARTA and King Memorial TOD, LLC for Multifamily and Retail/Commercial Facilities at King Memorial Station

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Glover, the resolution was 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.

Mr. Daniels abstained.

Resolution Authorizing Approval of a Rapid Transit Contract Between the Authority and Gwinnett County

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Glover, 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.**

Others Matters

Mr. Daniels read into the record, a letter dated August 29, 2018 from CEO Michael Thurmond and Presiding Officer of the DeKalb Board of Commissioners Jeff Rader, outlining DeKalb's expectations moving forward if Gwinnett joins the MARTA system.

Public Comment (con't)

P.J. Lemuel. A citizen of DeKalb County. Looked at survey and saw nothing that will improve the lives of citizens of DeKalb County.

Ms. Leuth. Would like a more equitable distribution of the funds. The train from Hamilton Holmes can be extended to Fulton Industrial. Our community has always been supportive of MARTA. Please rethink how you will use the funds.

Ms. Boseman Davis. We demand that the restrooms be opened. We paid for MARTA. We did not ask for the streetcar. We did not ask for the Beltline. We want our riders to decide who sits on the MARTA Board.

Ms. Trimble. Oakland City is the underdeveloped, overlooked stepchild of West End. We deserve economic development in southwest Atlanta.

Mr. Platt. Worked for MARTA in 1974. Live in Reynoldstown. Would like a shield to go across train track to stop people from jumping on the tracks.

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Ms. Owen. Represent Antioch Christian Baptist Church. We are blessed to have elders and we need bus shelters for them.

Mr. Beasley. Everything revolves around race. We are being pushed toward gentrification. As long as it is about race, we will continue to talk about it.

Ms. Woolard. MARTA did not get it right on MORE MARTA process. There are things in the project that is not true. When putting up the list, you insult us by not being technical. Please, as Board members ask questions.

Mr. Rose. President of Atlanta NAACP. The NAACP urge the Board to consider there are food deserts. Black and brown people continue to be mistreated.

Mr. Marshall. Represent S. DeKalb County. Filing a suit against the Board to petition the government that MARTA is not dealing with the 1964 Civil Rights Act – there is discrimination against native people.

Mr. Pringle. A former MARTA employee. When looking at equity of finance, people who are paying are not getting their money's worth. Please do the right thing.

Mr. Shakir. For the last nine years, riders have been asking to keep all the restrooms open.

Robin Maxim. Represents NPU-R. Greenbriar/Campbellton Road Project – serves 4,000 to 5,000 riders per day. There are more shelters on one side of the street. There is trash around shelters. The trash cans need to be emptied every day. Lived in the area for 40 years and have witnessed the evolution of MARTA. MARTA needs to do better.

Ms. Loyal. Want more communication. MARTA employees do not know anything about MORE MARTA. You send people into our neighborhood who do not even work for the City of Atlanta

Mr. Brooks. Ask your support of Greenbriar/Campbellton Road Project. Also need station at Fulton Industrial.

Mr. Ed Williams. Concur with people here today. City of Atlanta and DeKalb were founders of the system. I filed an ethics complaint against MARTA for adding items to the Agenda. This is a large Board. There is no reason the people are not getting proper representation. Restrooms should be open. If we do not get train stations in S. DeKalb, we shall boycott.

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Mr. Jim Williamson. Native Atlantan. If you are looking at equity, there is no other project that touches 45 neighborhoods. MARTA has long history of siding with Beltline. Six months from now, you get a vote from Gwinnett.

Ms. Turner. Beltline Now volunteer. Agree that we have to talk about race. We need truth and reconciliation. Emory have a \$7B endowment. They know how to raise money. Light rail is needed on the Beltline.

Ms. O'Neil. We don't have ADA at many of our stops. Trash cans are not emptied.

Mr. Poventud. MARTA did a very extensive survey – MORE MARTA Outreach survey. The people want more rail in the City of Atlanta. It must be done equitably so that everyone benefits.

Ms. Annette Jackson. Thank you all for what you are doing. Proud that Gwinnett came to the table. Announced she is running on the Republican ticket. Here to support transportation. Asked that rail goes down I-20.

Dr. Rhone. Against the renaming of West End Station.

Professor Franhorz. Live along Clifton Corridor and is against prioritizing the Corridor.

Ms. Wallace. Against the renaming of West End Station.

Mr. Tomlin. Clifton Corridor is not inclusive

Ms. Dempsey. Believe in the vision of the Beltline including transit.

Ms. Lisa Stines. NPU Transportation Chair. Concerned about accountability on projects and clean up. West End is very concerned about the name change. Let's find solutions for the community.

Mr. Mulkin. During the survey, I agreed with the concept of Clifton Corridor, but after the survey, the cost has quadrupled.

Mr. Macauley. Board seems intent on light rail to Emory. The people that live at Emory, did not vote for that tax. We voted for light rail on the entire Beltline.

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Mr. Clavijo. There is urine in the restroom. There is no staff at Chamblee. It takes 20 minutes to get police to open restroom. There is no service from Peachtree Hills to Peachtree.

Mr. Floyd Taylor. We would like to meet with Dave Springstead.

Mr. Paul Jones. MARTA has legal problem. MARTA's original 50-year agreement ends in three years. How can you legally extend an agreement beyond fifty years?

Ms. Lo. Excited to see your plans for public transportation.

Ms. Sagirah Jones. Here to support equitable funding for southwest projects. We have the right to infrastructure and upgrades, multi-modal transit options, amenities as seen at other stations, etc.

Mr. Allen Bell. Thank you for your service. You have an opportunity to change the city. I charge you as stewards to change the MORE MARTA plan. Please open the restrooms.

Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 4:07 p.m.