

MINUTES

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

February 14, 2019

12:10 p.m.

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
John 'Al' Pond
Christopher Sean Tomlinson*

Staff Members Present

Jeffrey A. Parker
Luz Borrero
Wanda Dunham
Gordon Hutchinson
Melissa Mullinax
Elizabeth O'Neill
Franklin Rucker
LaShanda Dawkins
Benjamin Limmer
Kirk Talbott
Donna DeJesus
Lyle Harris
Stephany Fisher
James Pierce
Tyrene Huff
Keri Lee
Abebe Girmay
Courtney Middlebrooks
Terry Ponder
Jonathan Hunt
Justin Kirnon

Also in attendance LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight, LLP; Axel Adams of Rainbow Push Coalition; Jeff Boothe of Boothe Associates; Brent Brewer of West End; Barbara Clemmons; Sharon Green of Infra Strategies; Rick Hudson of Beltline Rail Now; Grover Kendrick; Sofiya Khalid; Jennifer Larosa of SRTA; Saba Long; Charles Paine; Keith Parker of CCCAG; Joanne Rhone of West End; Lisa Stines of NPU-T; David Ward of ATU Local 732; Danica Thompson of McGuire Woods; David Wickert of *The AJC*.

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

Chair's Report

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, February 28, 2019

- Planning & External Relations Committee – 9:30am
- Operations & Safety Committee – (immediately following Planning)
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following Operations)

Thursday, March 14, 2019

- Work Session – 12:00noon
- Board – 1:30pm

Approval of the January 10, 2019 Work Session Minutes

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

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General Manager/CEO Report

Proposed Revision(s) – Code of Ethics

Ms. O'Neill presented an update.

MARTA is looking at possible revision(s) to its Code of Ethics due to the numerous requests to waive the required waiting period of one year. MARTA is looking at other companies and transit agencies' Best Practices. Section 16 of the current Code of Ethics creates a MARTA Ethics Committee. This group would determine if there is a conflict:

- Within 12 months of employment
- The type of work the former employee did
- Contractual

Dr. Edmond cautioned that MARTA grants this waiver as an exception to the rule and not get into the habit of waiving the rules.

Mr. Daniels voiced his agreement to Dr. Edmond's comment. He asked how is it determined there is no conflict.

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Ms. O'Neill stated the internal committee would be able to determine if there is a conflict or not.

Mr. Floyd asked when a former MARTA employee goes to work for another company, how is it determined that it poses a conflict.

Ms. O'Neill explained that any company seeking to do business with MARTA must fill out a conflict form.

Mr. Griffin asked for clarification – is it an Advisory Board or Internal Board.

Ms. O'Neill said it is an Advisory Board.

Mr. Dallas elaborated - the Ethics Committee will be charged with review. If the Committee determines no conflict, then it stops there.

Ms. O'Neill said a monthly report would be provided to the Board of Directors. She further noted that she would provide the Board with the guidelines of the Committee.

Super Bowl Update

Mr. Parker noted since Super Bowl, the Authority has received very positive recognition as to how well MARTA operated and provided service. He referenced a handout: *MARTA's Super Bowl LIII Snapshot – Fact Sheet* and asked Mr. Hutchinson for an analysis on MARTA's fare media sold during that time:

- 53% of the riders were from within the MARTA jurisdiction
- 46% were outside the MARTA jurisdiction
- 75% were Georgia residents
- 25% were from another state

The numbers confirm that MARTA is a regional asset

Gwinnett County Update

Mr. Parker referenced handout: *MARTA and Gwinnett County Q&A, Fact Sheet and Talking Points*. He asked Board members to familiarize themselves with the materials.

ATU Local 732 Update

Mr. Parker reported a tentative agreement with ATU has been reached. Eighty-eight percent voted to ratify the contract. Mechanics and technicians, bus and rail operators will receive increases. A longevity premium will be offered to retain senior employees. Additionally, there were changes to the insurance and several non-economic issues were on the table.

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On motion by Ms. Abdul-Salaam seconded by Mr. Griffin the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present to go into Executive Session at 12:33 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Floyd the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present to adjourn the Executive Session at 1:26 p.m.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:26 p.m.