

## **MINUTES**

### **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**November 4, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on November 4, 2013 at 1:44 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **Board Members Present**

Juanita Jones Abernathy  
Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Noni Ellison-Southall  
Keith Golden, PE  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman  
Jannine Miller\*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Executive Team Members – Chief Operating Officer Rich Krisak, Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy, Chief Administrative Officer Edward Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchison; AGMs Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Shyam Dunna (Acting), Rod Hembree (Acting), Cheryl King, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill and Terry Thompson; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins and David Springstead; Directors John Crocker, Joseph Dorsey and Lyle Harris; Manager John Remillard; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator to the MARTA Board Kellee Mobley; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Dontaye, Abebe Girmay, Don Lawrence, Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala, Toni Thornton and Tuan Vo.

Also in attendance was Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley Friese Torgrimson, LLP; Pam Alexander of LTK Engineering; Jim Brown of URS; Matt Pollack of MATC; Don Seaman of Workday; Edward Leidermeyer of Fulton County Government; Nuru Raheem of Masjid An-Nur; Betsy Richards; Diane Bryant; Sean Griffin of Kaiser; Sheldon Mundle of Smartewte, LLC; Stan King of SL King & Associates; Adelee LeGrand of AECOM; Gordon Draves.

\* 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**

Mrs. Betsy Richards. A resident of Stone Mountain, stated that her husband uses MARTA quite a lot because of a medical condition. Recently, he was involved in an altercation at a MARTA station.

Mr. Nuru Raheem. Represents the Masjid An-Nur Muslim community at 1996 S. St. Mountain in Lithonia, Georgia. Over the last several years the MARTA stop in front of our building has become a nuisance. People waiting at the stop cause damage to our property - throwing trash, blocking the driveway, public indecency (a man was seen urinating on the MARTA bench), etc. He asked that MARTA move the stop.

Mr. Gordon Draves. Asked that MARTA put more restrictions on smoking at MARTA stations, noting that it is a health hazard for others and a fire hazard. He said he really liked the latest edition of the MARTA map (published June 2013) and recommend that it is placed on walls of MARTA stations (there is currently an old edition on the walls at this time).

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

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**Planning & External Relations Committee Report**

Mrs. Kaufman reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on October 7, 2013 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014 Bus, Rail and Mobility Service Standards

On motion by Mrs. Kaufman 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.**

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The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Federal Legislative Overview
- b) Joint Development Update; Five Year Plan Overview
- c) 2013 Fourth Quarter Ridership
- d) Advertising Review

### **Operations & Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Durrett reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on October 21, 2013 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement and Disposal of Bus Batteries, CP B27930
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Engine Fluid Analysis Services, CP B30149
- c. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project P19232, Design-Build Solar Canopies at the Laredo Bus Maintenance Facility

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, 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 briefing:

- a) Office of Vertical Transportation

### **Business Management Committee Report**

Mr. Durrett reported that the Business Management Committee met on October 21, 2013 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bond Counsel Services, Request for Proposals Number P31150

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Ellison-Southall, 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) August Year-to-Date FY 2014 Budget Variance Analysis and Performance Indicators
- b) Technology Update

**Addition to the Agenda**

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On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8\* members present to change the Agenda by adding the following resolution:

**Resolution Approving Absences From MARTA Board Meetings**

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On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8\* members present.

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**Other Matters**

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Chairman Daniels made a recommendation for the 2014 Nominating Committee:

- 1. Jim Durrett – Chair
- 2. Roderick E. Edmond
- 3. Jannine Miller

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the 2014 Nominating Committee was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8\* members present.

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**Executive Session**

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Mr. Durrett motioned to go into Executive Session at 2:07 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter. Mr. Buckley seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8\* members present.

Mr. Durrett motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. Mrs. Kaufman seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8\* members present.

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**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:18 p.m.