



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Kathryn Powers called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Stacy Blakley
James Durrett
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Freda Hardage
Al Pond
Kathryn Powers
Rita Scott
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagirah Jones

Board Members Absent:

Russell McMurry
Thomas Worthy
Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present:

Collie Greenwood
Melissa Mullinax
Ralph McKinney
Kevin Hurley
Rhonda Allen
Carrie Rocha
Peter Andrews
George Wright

Also in Attendance:

Peter Crofton [for Justice Leah Ward Sears]
George Wright
Jonathan Hunt
Paula Nash
Donna DeJesus
Jacqueline Holland
Tyrene Huff
Kenya Hammond
Phyllis Bryant

PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTALS VIA TELEPHONE, U.S. MAIL AND IN PERSON)

Panos Menelaou [via email]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from December 7, 2023.

Approval of the Minutes from December 7, 2023. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the motion passed by a vote of 12 to 0 with 12 members present.

2. OTHER MATTERS

Chief Legal Counsel Peter Andrews stated there is one resolution related to the real estate matter heard in Executive Session:

Resolution Authorizing the second round of Acquisition Offers and Settlements for Right of Way and Easements in support of the Cleveland Avenue and Metropolitan Avenue Arterial Rapid Transit Project, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the motion passed by a vote of 12 – 0 with 12 members present.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Sagirah Jones congratulated Board Member Valencia Williamson on being recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as a 2024 Notable Georgian.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/sSdJCr64Bc?feature=shared>

Resolution Authorizing the second round of Acquisition Offers and Settlements for Right of Way and Easements in support of the Cleveland Avenue and Metropolitan Avenue Arterial Rapid Transit Project, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MARTA Act of 1965, as amended (“MARTA Act”), MARTA exists for purposes of planning, designing, leasing (as lessee), purchasing, acquiring, holding, owning, constructing, improving, equipping, financing, maintaining and administering a rapid transit system within the metropolitan area, and operating same; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority’s (“MARTA”) operations staff has identified a public need to acquire property within the Cities of Atlanta and East Point (collectively, the “Cities”), Fulton County, Georgia and the Cities are within the territorial jurisdiction of MARTA;

WHEREAS, MARTA is expanding its rapid transit system by developing, maintaining and operating a bus arterial rapid transit project (“Cleveland-Metropolitan ART”) located within the Cities; and

WHEREAS MARTA Planning and Capital Programs has identified that certain real property located adjacent to or within the Cleveland-Metropolitan ART corridor in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, State of Georgia (“Property”) for acquisition to facilitate the construction and operation of the Cleveland-Metropolitan ART project; and

WHEREAS, MARTA and the City of Atlanta executed a Rapid Transit Contract & Assistance Agreement as amended whereby the parties agreed to coordinate their efforts regarding the expansion of MARTA’s rapid transit system, including, without limitation, the City of Atlanta agreeing to work with MARTA and, upon the request of MARTA, to exercise its eminent domain power to acquire any property rights and interests necessary for MARTA to carry out its purpose as stated in the MARTA Act; and

WHEREAS, upon the City of Atlanta’s approval, MARTA will submit offers to the fee owner(s) of the Properties in the amount of the appraised values. If negotiations for fair and equitable purchase terms are not successful, then MARTA will request the City of Atlanta initiate condemnation proceedings.

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that in accordance with policies and procedures previously adopted by the Board, the acquisition of those real properties (or real property interests) known as MARTA Parcel Numbers B219, B221, B222, B223, B224, B225, B226, B227, B228, B229, B230, B231, B232, B233, B234, B235, B274, B236, B237, B238, B239, B240, B241, B244, B245, B246, B247, B248, B249, B250, B251, B252, B253, B254, B256, B257, B258, B259, B260, B261, B262, B263, B264 B266, B273, are hereby determined to be necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Authority's bus rapid transit system and hereby is approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is increasing the funding necessary for this second round of real property acquisitions by \$1,115,069.15, to acquire the real property interests in the City of Atlanta related to the MARTA parcels noted above, which will bring the total authorized funding to \$1,340,629.71; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate is hereby authorized to offer and execute agreements and/or other settlements with the fee simple owner(s) for the acquisition of the properties (or real property interests) and in the event a mutual agreement or settlement is unsuccessful to request the City of Atlanta to initiate condemnation proceedings.

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Peter J. Andrews 1/8/2024
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**Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta
Rapid Transit Authority**