



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Thursday, March 5, 2015

MEETING SUMMARY

A meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 1:37 p.m. in the MARTA Board Room, 6th Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Juanita Jones Abernathy
Robert L. Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
Christopher Tomlinson*

Chairman Ashe recognized and welcomed City of Sandy Springs Councilman John Paulson.

Councilman Paulson stated he has been attending meetings and following the Georgia 400 Transit Initiative (Connect 400) process for several years and looks forward to moving on to the next steps. He commended staff on listening to community input.

Briefing – MARTA Mobility – J. Erves

For a period of time, MARTA has faced challenges that relate to Mobility service. The Authority's quality of service is not where it should be. Passengers are not receiving the level of service they should. The per trip cost of providing service is high and not in line with peer agencies. Paratransit is intended for those who cannot use fixed route bus or rail service. It is mandated that MARTA provide curb-to-curb service and has been designed for shared-ride service. Service has been designed for citizens of Fulton and DeKalb counties – within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on any side of any fixed route service and within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile radius on any side of rail service.

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

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Challenges

- On-Time-Performance
- Missed Trips
- Trip Denials
- Time spent with customers on the telephone

Areas of Focus

- Employee Availability
- Certification
- Scheduling
- Service Alternatives
- Travel Training
- Compensation for Mobility Operators

Public Comment

Stanley Smalls; Alvatina Lee; Jim Callaghan; Mikesha Walker (conceded time); Queville Smith-Starr; Ashley Dorsey (conceded time); Dexter Seaborn (conceded time); Jean Dobbs; Carla McDonald (conceded time); Lafayette Wood; Maceo C. Williams, Sr.; Paul McLennan; Harry Floyd Taylor; Don Merriwether; Paul Swicord.

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1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2014 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the Minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

2. Planning & External Relations Committee Report

On motion by Mrs. Abernathy seconded by Mr. Buckley, resolution 'a-b' were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Routine Excellence
- b) Media Monitoring FY 15 1st and 2nd Quarters

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3. Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Audit Activities
- b) Other Matters
 - Information Technology Top-Down Audit
 - APTA Information Technology Audit
 - Current and Future Initiatives
- c) Cherry Beakert – Year-End Financial Audit
- d) External Audits – Discussion

4. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operation, RFP P34324

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was approved by a vote of 6 to 1, with 9* members present.

Mrs. Abdul-Salaam voted no.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of all Proposals Received for the Procurement of MARTA HR/Payroll Services Optimization, RFP P31773

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mrs. Abernathy, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

6. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, Execution and Delivery of Refunding Series 2016A - \$95 Million

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

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On motion by Mrs. Abernathy seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 2:39 p.m. to discuss a litigation matter.

On motion by Mrs. Abernathy seconded by Mr. Buckley, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:07 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.