

## **MINUTES**

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

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

**January 11, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on January 11, 2017 at 2:04 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  
William "Bill" Floyd  
Jerry Griffin  
Freda B. Hardage  
Alicia M. Ivey  
Al Pond  
Thomas W. Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; C-Suite Team Members - Chief Administrative Officer LaShanda Dawkins (Acting), Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Thomas; AGMs Elayne Berry, Ming His, Benjamin Limmer, Ryland McClendon; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Amanda Rhein and Donald Williams; Directors Lisa DeGrace, Jonathan Hunt and Patricia Sullivan; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Kellee McDaniel; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Carlos Arrieta, Johnathan Brathwaite, Abebe Girmay, Daniel Goodridge, Louis Grisoglio, LaTonya Pope, Rhonda White.

Also in attendance were Robert S. Highsmith, Jr., Holland & Knight LLP; Jack Buckingham and Helen McSwain of MATC; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Vance Smith of Pond; Ruby Whidbee.

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### **Public Comment**

Ms. Ruby Whidbee asked that MARTA address the following issues: bus upgrades on Routes 95 and 42; adhere to weekend schedules; assistance contact phones; driver responses to patrons regarding directions/schedules and other MARTA related issues. Ms. Whidbee said she hopes MARTA sees its patrons as VIPs – Visionary Innovative Patrons.

### **Welcome**

Chairman Ashe acknowledged and welcomed new Board members William “Bill” Floyd, Alicia M. Ivey, J. Al Pond and Thomas W. Worthy.

### **Minutes of the December 8, 2016 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors**

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Griffin, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present.

### **Planning & External Relations Committee Report**

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on December 8, 2016 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Advertising and Non-Advertising Bus Shelters in Clayton County
- b. Resolution Adopting Legislative Guidelines for the 2017 Georgia General Assembly
- c. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Billboard Management Services, RFP P33684

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

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The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Georgia 400 Transit Initiative

**Audit Committee Report**

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Mrs. Hardage reported that the Audit Committee met on December 12, 2016 and received the following briefings:

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- a. Year-End Financial Review and Single Audit
- b. Management Audit – MARTA Act

Audit Activities

Other Matters

- a. Follow Ups on NTT Data and APTA Information Technology Reviews
- b. Personnel
- c. Outstanding Items from the August 24, 2016 Audit Committee Meeting

**Additions to the Agenda**

**Resolution Approving the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement**

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On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, the Resolution was added to the Agenda by a unanimous vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements With the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Atlanta to Exchange Certain Property Rights in and Around Five Points Station**

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**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor  
Assistant Secretary to the Board