



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Thomas Worthy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Board Members

Present:

Jim Durrett
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Freda Hardage
Al Pond
Kathryn Powers
Rita Scott
Thomas Worthy
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagirah Jones

Board Members

Absent:

Stacy Blakley
Russell McMurry
Valencia Williamson
Jennifer Ide
Carrie Rocha
Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present:

Collie Greenwood
Ralph McKinney
Raj Srinath
Rhonda Allen
Peter Andrews
George Wright
Carrie Rocha

Also in Attendance: Justice Leah Ward Sears
Colleen Kiernan
Paula Nash
Donna DeJesus
Jacqueline Holland
Tyrene Huff
Kenya Hammond
Phyllis Bryant

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

VIA EMAIL: Brian Bell, Doris Betz, Daniel Caplin, Allan Soave, Jessica Estep, Matt Eckmann, Kay Stephenson, Brian Sumlin, Griffin Wasdin, Prof. Hans Klein, Guy Griswold, Brian Dickens, Jereme Sharpe, Jared Kozel, Chris Hawkes, John Gundersen, Kristi Bella, Christopher Kalil, Claire Reeves, Matthew Garbett; Annunziata Gianzero,

IN PERSON: Clyde Higgs, Beth Smith, Chris Dynda, Jeff Rader Jay Miller, Jason Lathbury, Lauren VonHollen, Brandon Sutton, Jereme Sharpe, Nathan ClubbRobert Lloyd, Walter Brown, Michael Dobbins, Robin Brasington, Anne Marie Kietzmann, Amanda Claire Reeve, Katherine Chestnut, Jennifer Bentson, George Chio

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2023 Board meeting.

Approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2023, Board meeting. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE SUMMERHILL BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT

Resolution Authorizing Placement of Insurance Policies for the Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Placement of Insurance Policies for the Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Pond, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

3. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Jim Durrett reported that the Committee met on June 22, 2023 and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 3a & 3b. On a motion by Board Member Durrett. seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolutions passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

4. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Given the number of public comments regarding Streetcar East, Chair Worthy stated that Resolutions 4a and 4b should be split for a standalone vote. Chair Worthy moved to amend the agenda to split

Resolution 4a and 4b. On a motion by Board Chair Worthy, seconded by Board Member Powers, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0, with 10 members present.

Committee Vice Chair Powers reported that the Committee met on June 22, 2023, and approved the following resolution:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee Resolution 4b. On a motion by Board Member Powers, seconded by Board Member Pond, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

Chair Worthy read the amended language to Resolution 4a into the record: Work will be phased so that HDR's initial take will be to provide recommendations to improve the reliability and functionality of the current streetcar network such that the proposed enhancements will benefit the design and operation of the future streetcar extension.

Committee Vice Chair Powers read the Committee Report to include Resolution 4a. Motioned by Board Member Powers, seconded by Board Member Tzegaegbe, discussion. The Chair reread the amended language. On a motion by Chair Worthy, seconded by Board member Powers. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Board passed the amendment 10 to 0 with 10 members present. The amended resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

5. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Pond reported that the Committee met on June 22, 2023, and approved the following resolution:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety

Approval of the Operations & Safety Committee Resolutions 5a & 5b. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

6. OTHER MATTERS

Chief Legal Counsel Peter Andrews read into the record the following litigation settlement emanating from Executive Session:

Approval of a Settlement – Allison Moody v. MARTA and Dwayne Johnson - \$800,000.00.

On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 10 members present.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Frierson thanked MARTA staff for allowing the Legacy students who live in DeKalb County to experience transit. The students were allowed to tour the Operation Center and meet with the Police Department. The program is designed to influence middle school students to consider transit as an opportunity.

Board Member Tzegaegbe thanked the public comment speakers for coming out regarding Streetcar East. All of your comments are heard. I know people sometimes see different sides on every issue, but all input is valuable, and this is a tough decision and a big moment for our City in Atlanta.

Chair Worthy and Board Member Durrett echoed Board Member Tzegaegbe's comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:51 P.M.