



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

MEETING SUMMARY

A meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors was called to order at 1:31 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, WebEx, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert Ashe
Jim Durrett
Roderick Edmond
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Ryan Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage (**Chair**)
Alicia Ivey
Russell McMurry*
John Pond
Rita Scott
W. Thomas Worthy

Staff Members Present

Jeffrey Parker
Rhonda Allen
Luz Borrero
Collie Greenwood
Kevin Hurley
Melissa Mullinax
Elizabeth O'Neill
Franklin Rucker
David Springstead
Michael Kreher
Jonathan Hunt
LaShanda Dawkins
Heather Alhadeff

Other staff members in attendance: Steven McClure, Jacqueline Holland, Paula Nash, Sean Thomas, Donna Jennings, Erica Pines, Erika Griffin, Jacob Vallo, Debbie Frank, Tyrene Huff, and Marie Peters. Also in attendance, Justice Leah Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell and Robert Highsmith of Holland & Knight

Public Comment

Mr. Ed Williams

Approval of the November 12, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Ashe, seconded by Ms. Ivey, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

* Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); and is therefore, a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors.

External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported the External Relations Committee met on November 19, 2020 and received the following briefings:

- a. Briefing – 2021 Legislative Agenda
- b. Briefing – Public Engagement Update
- c. Briefing – Media Impressions Update

Planning & Capital Programs Committee Report

Dr. Edmond reported the Planning & Capital Programs Committee met on November 19, 2020, and approved the following resolutions:

- 3a. Resolution to Authorize the Conversion of a Fee Simple Disposal to a Long-term Ground Lease to Support Affordable Housing within the Avondale Station TOD
- 3b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Single Source Contract for the Motorola Radio System
- 3c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of Indefinite Quantity Construction Contract

Dr. Edmond requested that resolution 3a be removed from the agenda.

On a motion by Dr. Edmond, seconded by Mr. Pond, resolutions '3b and 3c' were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) Briefing – Dec 2020 Service Adjustments
- b) Briefing – Quarterly: Progressing the Plan

Operations and Safety Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported the Operations and Safety Committee met on November 19, 2020, and approved the following resolutions:

- 4a. Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Traction Motor Optical Encoders, IFB B46549
- 4b. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of a Threat and Vulnerability Assessment and Training Program, RFP P47755

On a motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Worthy, resolution '4a and 4b' were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Frierson reported the Business Management Committee met on November 19, 2020, and approved the following resolutions:

- 5a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Procurement of Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan, IFB B46939
- 5b. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of MARTA's Excess Operating Property and Liability Insurance Programs for 2021
- 5c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Drug & Alcohol Software, RFP P43284

On a motion by Mr. Frierson, seconded by Mr. Worthy, resolutions '5a, 5b and 5c' were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Briefing – FY 2021 First Quarter Financial Highlights and Financial Key Performance Indicators

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Pond reported the Audit Committee met on November 20, 2020 and received the following briefings:

- a) Briefing – MARTA annual external financial audit for FY20
- b) Briefing – MARTOC Management Audit 2020
- c) Briefing – Internal Audit Activity Briefing
- d) Briefing – Cybersecurity Update

Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Body Worn Cameras for the MARTA Police Department

On a motion by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Dr. Edmond, with Mr. Floyd voting to abstain, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0 with 14* members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of General Counsel and Other Legal Services, RFP P46721

On a motion by Dr. Edmond, seconded by Mr. Worthy, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

2021 Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings

On a motion by Mr. Ashe seconded, by Mr. Pond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

Nomination Committee Report

Mr. Griffin provided a report on behalf of the nominating Committee.

The MARTA Board of Directors had a discussion and voted on the 2021 Slate of Officers and motioned approval as follow:

Rita Scott, Chair
Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Vice Chair
Freda Hardage, Immediate Past Chair
Roderick Frierson, Secretary
Robert Ashe III, Treasurer

On a Motion by Mr. Ashe, seconded by Ms. Ivey, the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

Request to approve settlement in the claim of Estate of Ellen Fraley v. MARTA

On a motion by Mr. Worthy, seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0 with 14* members present.

Other Matters

None

Comments from the Board

Ms. Scott expressed appreciation to the MARTA Board of Directors for nominating her to serve as the Chair on the Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2021. She noted that she is committed to working with MARTA's leadership to continue the great work the Authority has been doing.

Ms. Ivey, Mr. Griffin, and Dr. Edmond noted that it was a privilege to serve on the MARTA Board of Directors. They highlighted some of the great work that the Authority has done during their tenure and commended General Manager/CEO Jeffrey Parker and his leadership team for their efforts to lead MARTA during the pandemic.

Chairwoman Hardage thanked Board members for their hard work and mentioned it was an honor to have served as Chair of the MARTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Floyd noted that while he was not selected as Chair of the MARTA Board of Directors, he is committed to working with the incoming Chair, Ms. Scott and MARTA's leadership team.

Adjournment

The MARTA Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.