



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Kathryn Powers called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Board Members

Present:

James Durrett
William Floyd
Roderick Frierson
Freda Hardage
Russell McMurry¹
Al Pond
Kathryn Powers
Rita Scott
Thomas Worthy
Jennifer Ide
Jacob Tzegaegbe
Sagirah Jones

Board Members

Absent:

Stacy Blakley
Valencia Williamson
Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present:

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

¹ Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Per the MARTA Act, he is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Also in Attendance: Justice Leah Ward Sears
Jonathan Hunt
Paula Nash
Donna DeJesus
Jacqueline Holland
Tyrene Huff
Kenya Hammond
Phyllis Walker

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

Britt Dunams [in person] [did not speak]
David Ward [in person]
James Atkins [in person]
Allean Brown [in person]
Elaine Long [in person]
Michael Keith [in person]
Kevin Cutliffe [in person]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from June 13, 2024, Board Meeting

Approval of the minutes from June 13, 2024, Board Meeting. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Worthy, the motion passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

2. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair James Durrett reported that the Committee met on June 20, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management - July 18, 2024, agenda

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Worthy, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

Committee Chair James Durrett reported that the Committee met on July 25, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f and 3e. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

3. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Vice-Chair Kathryn Powers reported that the Committee met on June 20, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs - July 18, 2024, agenda

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee Resolutions 4a, 4b and 4c. On a motion by Board Member Worthy, seconded by Board Member Tzegaegbe, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

Committee Vice-Chair Kathryn Powers reported that the Committee met on July 25, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee Resolutions 5a, 5b and 5c. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

4. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair John Pond reported that the Committee met on June 20, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety – July 18, 2024, agenda

Approval of the Operations and Capital Programs Committee Resolutions 6a and 6b. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

Committee Chair John Pond reported that the Committee met on July 25, 2024, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety

Approval of the Operations and Safety Committee Resolutions 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d and 7e. On a motion by Board Member Powers, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

5. EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Rita Scott reported that the Committee met on June 20, 2024.

Committee Chair Report External Relations – July 18, 2024, agenda

No action items.

6. OTHER MATTERS

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

LITIGATION

- Settlement - Workers Comp claim - Lois Harris for \$334,597. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Freda Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

- Settlement – Dolores Lane v. MARTA lawsuit for \$250,000. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Freda Hardage, the motion passed by a vote of 11 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 12 members present.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Board Member Frierson shared comments regarding his attendance at the APTA Transit Board Member Conference. He stated he always learns something new about Transit from other agencies.
- Board Member McMurry thanked the MARTA staff for presenting the 285 BRT study to the GDOT and ATL Board. He also shared comments regarding the GA 400 express lanes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/7vbAHxmAsOA?feature=shared>