



WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Thursday, April 11, 2019

MEETING SUMMARY

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 12:06 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6th Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
William F. "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
John 'Al' Pond
Rita A. Scott
Christopher Sean Tomlinson*

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Approval of the Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Ivey, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 11* members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Thursday, April 25, 2019

- Planning & External Relations Committee – 9:30 a.m.
- Operations & Safety Committee – (immediately following Planning)
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following Operations)

Friday, April 19, 2019

- Audit Committee – 10:00 a.m.

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and therefore, are non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Thursday, May 9, 2019

- Work Session – 12:00noon
- Board – 1:30pm

ATL Proposed Changes to Grant Formula Funds

A discussion was held regarding ATL taking over the distribution of Grant Formula Funds – i.e., 5307 and 5337 Funds. ATL has a proposal on the table to withhold a ½ to 1% fee to be used for regional purposes – i.e., those things that cut across multiple boundaries. Meetings are being held to receive input on policy changes.

Review of Efforts for Gwinnett Referendum

The Board of Directors received a briefing on the Gwinnett County transit referendum. Items covered were:

- Education Efforts
- Highlights
- Results
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

Summary of 2019 State Legislative Session

MARTA's Legislative Priorities included:

- Bond Transaction Flexibility – would allow MARTA to execute bond resolutions with prior Board approval. This would allow more flexibility to access bond market on days other than when Board meets and approves deals
- Restore Motor Fuel Tax Exception (eliminated by HB170) - this also affects other transit systems
- Disposition of MARTA Assets Below \$25K – Board approval is now required for all asset sales. This offers more flexibility particularly in the area of sale of small real estate holdings
- No-fare Policies – for uniformed off-duty police officers and other law enforcement officials in an effort to encourage such individuals to ride transit
- MARTA Autonomy – with any changes to HB 930, preserve MARTA's autonomy consistent with the Transit Governance Principles adopted by the Board in 2018

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On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present to go into Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss litigation.

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett the Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 11 to 0, with 13* members present to adjourn the Executive Session at 1:33 p.m.

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Adjournment

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:33 p.m.