

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2020**

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**

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Mr. Ed Williams

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

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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.

**External Relations Committee Report**

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

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

- 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 briefings:

- 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 briefing:

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

### **Audit Committee Report**

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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 Committee met on December 7th and 9th, 2020
  - The Committee was not able to reach a consensus on the nomination for the Chair.
  - Ms. Scott and Mr. Floyd received nominations for Chair; however, there was a two-two vote.
  - Ms. Abdul-Salaam received a nomination for Vice-Chair.
  - Mr. Ashe received a nomination for Secretary.
  - The Treasurer's office did not receive any nomination as the Committee recommended leaving the office open pending the office of the Chair resolution.
  
- Mr. Ashe proposed a substitute motion as it referred to the nomination for the Chair.
  - He proposed that instead of the nominees for Chair serving for two consecutive years that Ms. Scott be Chair for 2021 and Mr. Floyd be Chair for 2022
  - Ms. Ivey concurred with Mr. Ashe's motion
  - Mr. Griffin noted that 2022 officers will be voted on by an entirely new Board and that there is no guarantee that Mr. Floyd will be selected as Chair
  - Mr. Floyd is against splitting years between himself and Ms. Scott, he opted to remove himself as one of the nominees for the office of the Chair
  
- The MARTA Board of Directors had a discussion and voted on the 2021 Slate of Officers and motioned approval as follows:
  - 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**

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None

**Comments from the Board**

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Ms. Scott expressed appreciation to the MARTA Board 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, Rita Scott.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board