

#### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 12, 2019

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

A meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the MARTA Board Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

## **Board Members Present**

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert L. Ashe III
Jim Durrett
William F. "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
John 'Al' Pond
Rita Scott

Christopher Sean Tomlinson\*

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## Public Comment

W. Thomas Worthy

- 1. Mr. Nathaniel Dyer
- 2. Ms. Susan Tong
- 3. Mr. Joseph Hudson
- 4. Ms. Januda Orange
- 5. Mr. Charles Johnson, Sr.
- 6. Mr. Keith Parker
- 7. Ms. Sherry B. Williams
- 8. Mr. Richard Byrd
- 9. Mr. Vincent Fort

# Approval of the Minutes of the November 14, 2019 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Ashe, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

\* Christopher Sean Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

## Planning & External Relations Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Floyd, resolution 'a' was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

The Committee received the following briefing:

a) 2020 Legislative Program

# **Operations & Safety Committee Report**

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Durrett, resolution 'a, b d, e, f' was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Griffin, resolution 'c' failed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 13\* members present.

The following Board members abstained: Roderick A. Frierson, Ryan C. Glover, Alicia M. Ivey, John 'Al' Pond and Rita A. Scott.

#### **Business Management Committee Report**

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Ashe, resolutions 'a-c' was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

The Committee received the following briefing:

a) FY 20 September Financials and Key Performance Indicators

#### **Audit Committee Report**

Mr. Pond reported the Audit Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Results of MARTA's Annual External Audit for FY 19
- b) MARTOC Management Audit
- c) Internal Audit Activity
- d) Cybersecurity Update

Resolution of Amend the By-Laws of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to Create a New Standing Committee, to Realign the Responsibilities of the Committees of the Board of Directors and to Delete Outdated References

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

Resolution Approving the Fifteenth Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement

On motion by Ms. Scott seconded by Mr. Frierson, the resolution was approved by a vote of 10 to 2 with 13\* members present.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam and Mr. Ashe voted no.

## 2020 Schedule of Board Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings

On motion by Mr. Worthy seconded by Ms. Ivey, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Glover presented the 2020 Slate of Officers and motioned approval as follows:

Freda B. Hardage, Chair William 'Bill' Floyd, Vice Chair Robert L. Ashe III, Immediate Past Chair Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Secretary Alicia M. Ivey, Treasurer

Mr. Ashe seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

#### McDean vs. MARTA

Ms. O'Neill requested approval of settlement matter in the case of McDean vs. MARTA for Superior Court action 2018PB306160 in the amount of \$5.9M.

On motion by Mr. Floyd seconded by Mr. Ashe the settlement was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13\* members present.

Mr. Pond abstained.

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## Comments from the Board

On behalf of MARTA patron Safiya Khalid, Ms. Abdul-Salaam requested that several written documents from Ms. Khalid be entered into record.

Chair Hardage concurred.

Mr. Ashe noted that it has been several months since Mrs. Abernathy passed. It is his hope in 2020 she will be honored appropriately.

He wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Ivey requested that Ms. Nash speak with public commenter, Mr. Joseph Hudson to provide guidance on MARTA's Diversity & Inclusion division.

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## <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.