

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Thomas Worthy called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Board Members Stacy Blakley **Present:** Jim Durrett

William Floyd Roderick Frierson Russell McMurry¹

Al Pond Rita Scott Thomas Worthy Valencia Williamson

Jennifer Ide Sagirah Jones

Board Members Freda Hardage **Absent:** Kathryn Powers

Kathryn Powers Jacob Tzegaegbe

Jannine Miller

Staff Members Present: Collie Greenwood

Melissa Mullinax Ralph McKinney Raj Srinath Rhonda Allen Peter Andrews George Wright

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

Jacqueline Holland Kenya Hammond Tvrene Huff

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

Daniel Mason [via email]
Stephanie Blades [via email]
Judith Sullivan [in person]

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the August 10, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

Approval of the August 10, 2023, Board meeting minutes. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

2. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair James Durrett reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Business Management

Approval of the Business Management Committee Resolutions 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Blakley, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

3. PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Stacy Blakley reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Planning & Capital Programs

Approval of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee Resolutions 3a and 3b. On a motion by Board Member Blakley, seconded by Board Member Williamson, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

4. OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Al Pond reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2023, and approved the following resolutions:

Committee Chair Report Operations & Safety

Approval of the Operations & Safety Committee Resolutions 4a, 4b and 4c. On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

5. OTHER MATTERS

Chief Legal Counsel Peter Andrews read into the record the following settlement and resolutions emanating from the Executive Session:

- Approval of a Property Settlement Claim Valerie Daniels \$213,828
 On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Frierson, the motion passed by a vote of 10 0, with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.
- 2. Approval of a Settlement Nayati Harris v. MARTA \$225,000 On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Ide, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.
- Motion to Approve and Ratify the Employment Agreement between MARTA and Collie Greenwood effective January 2, 2023.
 On a motion by Board Member Pond, seconded by Board Member Durrett, the motion passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 1 member abstaining and 11 members present.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Board Member Floyd thanked Mr. Greenwood and MARTA for participating in the DeKalb Municipal Association meeting.
- Board Member Durrett recognized the MARTA attendees who attended the ARC LINK trip.
 Transit was a big part of the trip, and Mr. Greenwood did an excellent job representing MARTA in the conversations surrounding transit.
- Board Member Frierson attended the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Ribbon Cutting event for the Regional Transportation Center in Lithonia. The center will offer training in operating buses and trains, maintenance and electrical engineering.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyrene L. Huff

Assistant Secretary to the Board

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YouTube link: https://youtube.com/live/j1T7GR0PHlo?feature=share

September 14, 2023 Board Meeting Public Comments

Received via (404) 848-6000, marta.board@itsmarta.com, public@itsmarta.com

Summary: Four (4) customers provided a public comment

4 - Emails

0 - Voice Messages

1.) Message Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

11:16 a.m. (Via Board Email)

Daniel Mason

eletragiant2020@yahoo.com

Hello my name is Daniel Mason

While i think my message will fall on deaf ears, im going to state it anyways

I think the person who sets on the board for Clayton County should be ashamed of yourself. You should be ashamed at the way Marta has continued to treat the residence of Clayton County. Clayton county residence face countless bus cancellations daily. Yet on the last mark up before this recent one Marta increased service on 24 particular routes. When ask they claim there is a driver and equipment shortage. However when they have major events they miraciously have enough bus's. Do you realize that during the Beyounce concert, while they had extra bus's ,there was 141 cancelled routes for patrons trying to get home. While all 141 rountes were not CC routes, several of them were. I believe clayton county has something like 15 routes, just about all of them see cancellations DAILY. The only exception is 196. However even that route is had some lately. We did not vote to have Marta to have Some Service. We expect to get what we pay for. Yes i get there is a driver shortage. However its not right to beef up one area while one area suffers. I say either we all suffer or none of us suffer. They also have a bad habit of not posting cancellations or posting them way after the time they should be posted. They also on several occations post incorrect cancel times. If your going to set on the board DO YOUR JOB!!!!

2.) Message Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2023

11:31 a.m. (Via Board Email)

Stephanie Blades

stephanieblades53@gmail.com

Good Morning, I am writing about the poor service Marta mobility poor service given daily. Today my daughter was picked up from college Park going to DeKalb county and the driver drove in circles and picked up someone after her and dropped her off before my daughter that made my daughter late for school today and I don't want her any excuses from Naomi like always. This has to stop or I will take this to the media next.

The van number is 4512

Thank you Ms S Blades

3) Message Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023

12:40 p.m. (Via Board Email)

Stephanie Blades

stephanieblades53@gmail.com

Good Evening, I have wrote to Marta complaint center on many different occasions about problems with the service myself and disabled daughter has received and got no response from the people in charge of the service. I heard from Mr Gonzalez from Marta mobility that makes more excuses than the law allows so he doesn't have fix the many problems his drivers and customers service center has, along with never being able speak a supervisor when requested one. Washington DC has been informed about these situations as well. These many problems are being done on the watch of the CEO and board members that are failing serve the people in a proper manner and looks ugly for all of you at this point. The next step is taking this to the media so the owner of the company see the truth about how the are not happy with their business. Your bus service is disgusting and your mobility service is even worse and you don't care, but embarrassing Marta will bring light to everyone involved, and the government love to know were wasteful spending is coming from.

4.) Message Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023

12:40 p.m. (Via Board Email)

Stephanie Blades

stephanieblades53@gmail.com

Good Evening I am writing once again about the poor service Marta mobility offer the people and can never speak with a supervisor when I contact the dispatch line. I have called on many occasions asking to speak with an supervisor for the drivers of Marta mobility but never reach one ever. On van 4429 was suppose to pick my daughter up to take to school at 7:26 am as it was scheduled but the time changed after the hours and the time became 7:30am and I called the dispatch line to speak with a supervisor and couldn't speak with one but spoke with someone else that said she couldn't find the driver that was suppose to pick up my daughter as she put me hold to find him, than he pulled up to my home at 7:45am knowing my daughter had to be in DeKalb county at 9am and still pick up other passengers, and my daughter was dropped off at school at 9:10 am thar made her late for school thanks to your driver showing up late to get her to school late. I contacted Marta mobility schedule line supervisor name (Tanequera) that contacted Marta mobility dispatcher supervisor name Ashley that told Tanequera she was in a meeting and would get back to me after abd never did, this is why the drivers do what they please because their supervisor is lazy and don't care what goes on during their route, which is unprofessional. The problem is the dispatch line doesn't communicate with the schedule line to give a Pacific time the clients would be picked up and the poor communication the call center offer is why things go left all the time, disgusting.

Thank you Ms S Blades

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MARTA'S MYSTERY CUSTOMER PROGRAM, RFP P50370

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of MARTA's Mystery Customer Program is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, award of a Contract for the procurement of MARTA's Mystery Customer Program, after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the procurement of MARTA's Mystery Customer Program by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Peter J. Andrews

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PRIVACY AND

NETWORK SECURITY LIABILITY (CYBER) INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS. MARTA has privacy and network security liability (cyber) insurance

coverage with limits of \$ 6.5 million dollars with an expiration date of September 15, 2023, and

WHEREAS, negotiations by MARSH resulted in a two -week extension of the

current policy at a cost of \$14,400 to a new effective date of 10/01/2023, and

WHEREAS, negotiations by MARSH have resulted in proposals for replacing this

policy, effective October 1, 2023 for one-year, to October 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, such privacy and network security liability (cyber) insurance coverage

is available for a one-year period and includes limits of \$ 10 million dollars excess of a self-insured

retention of \$ 1 million dollars at a total not to exceed cost of \$ 744,600, and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the General Manager/CEO or his designee is hereby

authorized and directed to affect the placement of privacy and network security liability (cyber)

insurance coverage, effective October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2024 at a total not to exceed cost of \$

759,000.

Approved as to Legal Form:

Peter J. andrews

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SOLARWINDS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE SUPPORT, IFB B50300

WHEREAS, the Authority's Department of Technology has identified the need for the Procurement of SolarWinds Annual Maintenance and Upgrade Support, Invitation for Bids Number B50300; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent Notice of the Invitation for Bids to potential Bidders; and

WHEREAS, notice of the said Invitation for Bids was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area, once in each of the two weeks prior to opening bids; and

WHEREAS, all Bidders were given an opportunity to protest the bid instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., local time, one (1) bid was publicly opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the single bid submitted by Tobias International, Inc., is responsive and responsible and the bidder is capable of performing the Contract; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Internal Audit conducted a cost/price analysis and

determined the bid price to be fair and reasonable.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is,

authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as

contained in the Invitation for Bids Number B50300, Procurement of SolarWinds Annual

Maintenance and Upgrade Support between the Authority and Tobias International, Inc., in

the amount of \$260,682.15.

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT UTILIZING THE STATE OF GEORGIA CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR CISCO SMARTNET DEVICES AND CISCO ISE (IDENTITY SERVICE ENGINE) P50362

WHEREAS, the Authority's Department of Technology has identified a need for the Authority-Wide Hardware and Software License and Maintenance Support; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's staff has determined that the Authority-Wide Hardware and Software License and Maintenance Support; may be purchased utilizing the State of Georgia Contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(I) of the MARTA Act permits the Authority to purchase without competitive bidding, any goods, supplies, equipment, other property, or services from any vendor who, at the time of such purchase, has in effect a contract or schedule for the State of Georgia or the United States Government, provided that such purchase is made pursuant to the price, terms and conditions of such contract or schedule and the Authority receives all the benefits thereof.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract utilizing the State of Georgia Contracts that are valid at the time the Authority procures its Cisco Hardware and Software Maintenance Support in the amount of \$754,224.61. The Authority will annually renew (or enter into a new contract) its Microsoft Software License Contract pursuant to a valid State of Georgia Contract.

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE REDESIGN OF DECENTRALIZED ACTIVE DIRECTORY ENVIRONMENTS, LOA L39801

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2017 the General Manager entered into a Contract with Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC for Professional Services for the Redesign of De-Centralized Active Directory Environments, Letter of Agreement L39801; and

WHEREAS, MARTA staff has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to increase the contract value to provide for known changes and additions to the contract; and

WHEREAS, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to extend the contract term and increase the authorization for Contract No. L39801 Professional Services for the Redesign of De-Centralized Active Directory Environments from \$196,325.00 to \$249,325.00.

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES OF THE TRACK ISOLATION INTEGRITY MONITORING SYSTEM, RFP P50067

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act to procure goods and services without competitive bidding if it is impracticable to prepare adequate specifications and an adequate description on the basis of which to solicit competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/CEO has certified, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, that the procurement of Final Design Services of the Track Isolation Integrity Monitoring System is impracticable through the solicitation of competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, award of a Contract for the procurement of Final Design Services of the Track Isolation Integrity Monitoring System after the solicitation of proposals and selection of a preferred proponent pursuant to Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO, or his designee be, and hereby is, authorized to solicit proposals for the procurement of Final Design Services of

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the Track Isolation Integrity Monitoring System by means other than competitive bidding, in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals.

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Peter J. Andrews

Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority

Board Agenda Item #3b 09142023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY HALL DEVELOPMENT, MARTA PARCEL C3229H

WHEREAS, the MARTA Board of Directors approved a resolution on June 9, 2022 for the execution

of a ground lease with the City of Brookhaven to construct a new city hall in a portion of the Authority's

Brookhaven/Oglethorpe Rail Station parking lot and relocate certain City of Brookhaven government

services to the newly constructed facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookhaven has requested an additional permanent easement from MARTA

in order to support the development of the city hall; and

WHEREAS, on August 9th, 1982, the MARTA Board of Directors adopted a policy regarding the

disposition of MARTA property rights; and

WHEREAS, MARTA Staff has determined that permanent easements on the MARTA Parcel

C3229H will not interfere with rapid transit system construction, operation or maintenance and recommends

the Board approve the disposal of a permanent easement to the City of Brookhaven; and

WHEREAS, section 8(r) of the MARTA Act of 1965 as amended permits MARTA to dispose of

property to municipalities and government agencies without seeking competitive bids, provided that the

Authority receives consideration at least equal in value to the disposed interest, as established by

independent appraisal; and

WHEREAS, MARTA Parcel C3229H is estimated to have a total fair market value of \$205,000.00 and

the value will be confirmed by an independent appraisal; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit

Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate is hereby authorized to do all acts, perform all

things, and execute on behalf of the Authority all instruments of conveyance, other instruments and

agreements as necessary to effectuate the disposal of a permanent easement on, through or under MARTA

Parcel No. C3229H to the City of Brookhaven upon receipt of the funds equal or greater than to the

appraised value of the property rights.

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Peter J. Andrews

8/22/2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR MARTA'S VEHICLES, IFB B50304

WHEREAS, the Office of Facilities has identified the need for the Procurement of Pest Control Services for MARTA'S Vehicles, Invitation for Bids Number B50304; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent Notice of the Invitation for Bids to potential Bidders; and

WHEREAS, notice of the said Invitation for Bids was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area, once in each of the two weeks prior to opening bids; and

WHEREAS, all Bidders were given an opportunity to protest the bid instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., local time, three (3) bids were publicly opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid submitted by Indigo Exterminators was determined to be non-responsible; and

WHEREAS, the second lowest bid submitted by Bug Busters, was determined to be non-responsible; and

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WHEREAS, the third lowest bid submitted by Terminix, was determined by staff to be

responsive and responsible and the bidder is capable of performing the Contract; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is,

authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as

contained in the Invitation for Bids Number B50304, Procurement of Pest Control Services

for MARTA'S Vehicles between the Authority and Terminix in the amount of \$574,688.

Approved as to Legal Form:

Peter J. Andrews

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Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF Police Ballistic Vests and Carriers, IFB B50297

WHEREAS, the Authority's Office of Police Services has identified the need for the Procurement of Police Ballistic Vests and Carriers, Invitation for Bids Number B50297; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2023, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority duly sent Notice of the Invitation for Bids to potential Bidders; and

WHEREAS, notice of the said Invitation for Bids was advertised in the local newspaper of the largest circulation in the Atlanta metropolitan area, once in each of the two weeks prior to opening bids; and

WHEREAS, all Bidders were given an opportunity to protest the bid instructions, specifications, and/or procedures; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., local time, four (4) bids were publicly opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid submitted by Galls, Inc. is responsive and responsible, and the bidder is capable of performing the Contract.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract on substantially the same terms and conditions as contained in the Invitation for Bids Number B50297, Procurement of Police Ballistic Vests and Carriers between the Authority and Galls, Inc., in the amount of \$455,805.00.

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Peter J. Andrews

Chief Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta

Rapid Transit Authority

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT UTILIZING THE STATE OF
GEORGIA CONTRACTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF NON-REVENUE VEHICLES P50285

WHEREAS, the Authority's Department of Bus Maintenance has identified a need for Non-Revenue Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's staff has determined that the Non-Revenue Vehicles may be purchased utilizing the State of Georgia Contract; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(I) of the MARTA Act permits the Authority to purchase without competitive bidding, any goods, supplies, equipment, other property, or services from any vendor who, at the time of such purchase, has in effect a contract or schedule with the State of Georgia or the United States Government, provided that such purchase is made pursuant to the price, terms and conditions of such contract or schedule and the Authority receives all of the benefits thereof.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to execute a Contract utilizing the State of Georgia Contracts that are valid at the time the Authority procures its Non-Revenue Vehicles in the amount of \$1,757,216.00.

Approved as to Legal Form:



Counsel, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority