

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010

The Special Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia. Vice Chairman Allen Watson, and Board Members Dwight Jefferson, Christof Spieler and C. Jim Stewart, III, were present and constituted a quorum. Board Member Carrin Patman arrived at 1:35 p.m. Board Secretary Jackie Freeman, Board Member Burt Ballanfant and Board Member Trini Mendenhall-Sosa were absent.

As the first item for business, Board Member Stewart moved that the President & CEO be authorized and directed to extend METRO's commitment to the American Public Transit Association to host the agency activities for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Expo. APTA has selected Houston as the host City. Judge Jefferson seconded the Motion.

George Greanias, Acting President & CEO, explained that a transit industry exposition is included in the APTA annual meeting every three years. It is expected that some 17,000 people will attend the 2014 conference. Mr. Greanias stated that METRO's participation as host agency is a good investment.

Chairman Garcia called for a vote and all Board Members present voted in favor.

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Mr. Greanias then presented to the Board the FY2011 Strategic Priorities, Operating Principles and Organization Structure. Mr. Greanias began with a discussion of METRO's mission and vision. He explained the importance of informing the community of what METRO does. METRO delivers safe, reliable and affordable public transit and mobility services. He defined METRO's strategic priorities as to provide first-class transit services, to build a great transit infrastructure and to be a trusted community partner. Mr. Greanias explained that METRO will meet its strategic priorities by focusing on seven new operating principles. The principles are customer service, partnering, cost control, asset utilization, sustainability, safety and people. Each department, each organizational unit and each person will eventually have a scorecard to assess METRO's adherence to these principles.

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Mr. Greanias presented a schedule for review of the proposed FY2011 Budget. Board review meetings will be held throughout the month. It is anticipated that a public hearing will be held September 27 with a Special Board meeting to be held on September 28 for final budget review and approval.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Garcia asked for any comments from the Board.

Board Member Spieler suggested that "convenient" be added to the description of the transit service METRO provides. He stated that a key element of "sustainability" is the "sustainability" of neighborhoods and of the City.

Judge Jefferson clarified a statement that had appeared in the media regarding METRO's finances. METRO will not end the fiscal year with a deficit of \$49 million.

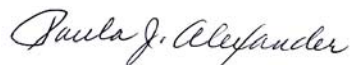
Mr. Greanias explained how project expenditures can receive federal reimbursement if the expenditures receive prior approval through issuance of Letters of No Prejudice. METRO has not yet received three Letters of No Prejudice from the FTA.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Judge Jefferson moved to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was duly seconded and all Board Members present voted in favor.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula J. Alexander
Assistant Secretary