

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2011

MOTIONS - 2011 - 1 to 2011 - 3  
RESOLUTIONS - 2011 - 1 to 2011 - 3

Presiding- Chairman of the Board, Gilbert A. Garcia, CFA (City of Houston)

Board Members Present:

Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)  
Honorable Dwight Jefferson  
(City of Houston)  
Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa (Harris County)  
Carrin F. Patman (City of Houston)  
C. Jim Stewart, III (Multi-Cities)  
Gary Stobb (Harris County)  
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)

Board Member Absent:

Vice Chairman Allen D. Watson  
(City of Houston)

The Special Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

Chairman Garcia called for a Motion for the appointment of Board Members to Standing Committees and appointment of Presiding Chairs for the committees. Board Member Patman moved for the re-election of Gilbert A. Garcia as the Chairman of the Board. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 1

By Motion and as reflected in these minutes, the following elections and appointments were made:

**Chairman of the Board** - Gilbert A. Garcia

**Vice Chairman of the Board** - Allen D. Watson

**Secretary to the Board of Directors** - James Stewart, III

**FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Judge Dwight Jefferson, Chair

Gary Stobb

Allen D. Watson

**CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Burt Ballanfant, Chair

Judge Dwight Jefferson

Christof Spieler

Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa

Gary Stobb

**GOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Carrin F. Patman, Chair

Burt Ballanfant

Judge Dwight Jefferson

Christof Spieler

Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa

**CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Jim Stewart, III, Chair

Carrin F. Patman

Christof Spieler

Gary Stobb

**PEOPLE COMMITTEE**

Allen D. Watson, Chair

Carrin F. Patman

Jim Stewart, III

Chairman Garcia then called on George Greanias, President & CEO for his report.

The President & CEO reported that all employees in the Authority, as part of the customer service initiative, have been given special red lanyards that include phone numbers to refer customers who may need assistance. He also reported on a safety initiative event on January 18<sup>th</sup> which involves wrapping a rail car in red to remind the public to exercise caution at all crossings.

Chairman Garcia reported on the editorial that was published in the Houston Chronicle and asked Mr. Greanias to explain the letters of no prejudice that were recently received by METRO from the FTA. Mr. Greanias gave an overview of the letters of no prejudice, and the receipt of \$50 million in federal funding.

Following the President & CEO's report, Chairman Garcia called upon Board Member Carrin F. Patman for the Government/Public Affairs committee report.

Board Member Patman moved for passage of Agenda Item Number 5 that was presented to her committee for approval by the board--two contracts for legislative consulting services with Robert Strauser Consulting for State legislative coordination and C2 Group for Federal legislative coordination. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Stewart. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 1: Approving contracts with C2 Group and Robert Strauser Consulting for Federal and State Legislative consulting services.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 6 and 7. A Motion for the passage of these items was made by Board Member Spieler and was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 2: Approving the sources for training for investment officers as required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 3: Designating the President & CEO as METRO's Public Information Officer for purposes of the Texas Public Information Act.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Board Member Stewart moved to adjourn. Board Member Patman seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, January 31, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Alva I. Treviño  
Acting General Counsel and  
Assistant Secretary