

**MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2009**

Beginning at 10:40 a.m., an Executive Session with the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") preceded the regularly-scheduled board meeting. The Executive Session, which was publicly announced, concluded in the board room at 11:15 a.m. The regularly-scheduled monthly Board of Directors' ("Board") meeting was convened and called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Board Chairman David S. Wolff. Board Members present were Mr. George DeMontrond, III, Vice Chairman; Mr. Jackie L. Freeman, Board Secretary; and Board Members Mr. Burt Ballanfant, Mrs. Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa, and Mr. C. Jim Stewart, III. Board Vice Chairman Gerald B. Smith and Board Members Bishop James W.E. Dixon, II, and Ms. Carmen Orta were not present. The members present constituted a quorum.

MOTION NO. 2009 -19

Board Chairman David S. Wolff convened the meeting and called for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regularly-scheduled Board Meeting of May 22, 2009. Secretary Jackie L. Freeman moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stewart. All Board Members present voted in favor and the motion to approve the May 22, 2009, minutes passed.

Chairman Wolff invited those members of the public who had requested to speak before the Board to make their individual presentations. The public speakers and their comments are summarized below:

1. **Mr. Mark Hogue**: Mr. Hogue stated that he believes there are many patrons who are happy about the new 32 Renwick route. He informed the Board that he has been passing out schedules to inform others about the route. He suggested that, based on the number of riders, the Board may want to consider running the route on Saturdays and Sundays as well.
2. **Mr. Joseph Charles**: When called for his presentation to the Board, Mr. Charles did not appear.
3. **Mr. Rudy Sutherland**: Mr. Sutherland stated that he had been assured a response to his previously-asserted allegations that METRO has awarded no contracts to Black-male owned businesses, but he had not received a response. He stated he believed that lack of response confirmed his position that zero percent (0%) of METRO's contracts went to Black male-owned businesses. He further stated his belief that METRO needs to increase its contract activity with Black male-owned businesses. He ended by asking if METRO is standing by its

statement that METRO is proud of its record of issuing contracts to Black-male owned businesses.

METRO President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Frank Wilson, thanked Mr. Sutherland for providing METRO another opportunity to discuss its contract issuing efforts. Mr. Wilson further provided the contract values to rebut Mr. Sutherland's allegations, stating that a total of \$34 Million, in various types of contracts, had been awarded to Black male-owned businesses.

Mr. Sutherland stated that if the numbers were evaluated over ten years, his point would be made. Mr. Wilson responded by stating that his responsibility is not to engage in dueling numbers, but to treat everyone in the community fairly. In conclusion, Mr. Wilson asserted that the numbers that METRO reports to the federal government clearly evidence our commitment.

There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Wolff requested that Mr. Wilson deliver his business report.

Mr. Wilson began his report by discussing the new signature bus line, its current success, and its effect on its sister route, Route 2. Mr. Wilson reported that not only has Route 2 not suffered from the implementation of the Quickline route along the same path, but Route 2 has actually seen an increase in ridership. He stated this increase in Route 2's ridership may be due to increased capacity caused by some former Route 2 riders using the Quickline route.

Mr. Wilson discussed the new Renwick Line, Route 402. He stated that between the new 402 route and the Quickline route, METRO is carrying additional daily riders that approximates eleven hundred (1100) to twelve hundred (1200).

In conclusion, Mr. Wilson stated the he believes that METRO staff has done well in forecasting where to add service, which has provided a-more-than 30% increase in ridership in those areas. Mr. Wilson stated that this increase indicates that METRO is spending money wisely with the expansions, and he reminded and advised the Board that METRO is expanding service while other transit properties are cutting back service.

Chairman Wolff asked about Quickline advertising activities within the Texas Medical Center, as this is a primary service area for the line. Mr. Wilson responded that advertising has just begun in the Medical Center and that there is a good deal more that will be done.

Mr. Wilson then concluded his business report and yielded the floor back to Chairman Wolff.

Chairman Wolff thanked Mr. Wilson for his report, and called for consideration of the remaining individual Agenda Items.

MOTION NO. 2009-20

Board Member Stewart presented Agenda Item 5, and moved for authorization for the President and CEO to negotiate, execute, and deliver three (3) separate contracts to provide elevator maintenance services at designated METRO sites. Board Secretary Freeman seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-50

Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute, and deliver three-year contracts with A&F Elevator Company, Inc., Ascent Elevator Services, Inc., and Schindler Elevator Corporation for elevator and escalator maintenance and repair services.

MOTION NO. 2009-21

Board Member Stewart presented Agenda Item 6, and moved that the Board authorize and direct the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract for the purchase of 149 radio units from Motorola for METRORail communications upgrades. Board Member Trinidad Sosa seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-51

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Motorola for the purchase of 149 radio units for METRORail communications upgrades.

MOTION NO. 2009-22

Board Secretary Freeman presented Agenda Item 7, and moved that the President & CEO be authorized and directed to execute and deliver a one-year contract with Absolute Color for the printing of bus schedules. Board Secretary Jackie Freeman seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-52

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a one-year contract with two single-year renewal option periods with Absolute Color for printing services.

MOTION NO. 2009 -23

Board Secretary Freeman presented Agenda Item 8, and moved that the President & CEO be authorized and directed to execute and deliver a modification to the contract with Malcolm-Pirnie, Inc., for environmental consulting services. Vice Chairman George Demontrond seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-53

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification providing to the contract with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. for environmental consulting services.

There being no other matters to come before the Board for its consideration, the meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next regularly-scheduled Board Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Higgins", written in a cursive style.

Pauline E. Higgins
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