

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

This Special Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by Chairman David S. Wolff. Vice Chairman Gerald Smith, Co-Vice Chairman George DeMontrond, III, Board Secretary, Jackie L. Freeman, and Board Members Trini Mendenhall-Sosa and C. Jim Stewart, III were present and constituted a quorum. Board Members Burt Ballanfant and Carmen Orta were absent.

Chairman Wolff began the meeting by recognizing each outgoing Board Member and presenting them with a memento for their outstanding service. Chairman Wolff first recognized Gerald Smith who, in addition to serving as a Vice Chairman, served as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Chairman Wolff next called upon George DeMontrond, whom he thanked for his hard work as Chairman of the Government Relations Committee. Mr. DeMontrond commended Chairman Wolff for his leadership and ability to bring the Board together. Chairman Wolff then recognized Board Secretary Jackie Freeman and reminded the audience that the Board is composed of representatives of separate elected bodies. Yet, the Board has not been divided along the lines of its separate constituency groups. The goal has always been to do what is best for METRO. Chairman Wolff recognized Mr. Stewart as former mayor of Piney Point Village, and currently representing the Multi-Cities on the METRO Board. Chairman Wolff thanked Ms. Mendenhall-Sosa for her active participation in matters brought before the Board and her representation of the best interests of METRO. Lastly, Chairman Wolff recognized Ms. Carmen Orta and Mr. Burt Ballanfant (who were not present) for their work as Board Members. He thanked Ms. Orta for her steadfast service and her attention to the transit concerns of the Hispanic Community. Chairman Wolff stated that the Board's diversity was a reflection of the City and a demonstration of how everyone can work together. He also commended Mr. Ballanfant for the knowledge he brought to the Board as a former mayor of West University Place and as a practicing attorney. Chairman Wolff complimented President & CEO Frank Wilson for his leadership and hard work. He thanked Executive Vice President John Sedlak for his long time service and his institutional knowledge of METRO and of the transit industry.

Chairman Wolff then recognized those elected officials who had come to the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of U. S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and thanked her for her support. He also recognized State Representative Anna Hernandez, and City of Houston Council Members Melissa Noriega, Jolanda Jones and Ed Gonzales.

City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker then called upon Mr. Gilbert Garcia, Mr. Christof Spieler, the Honorable Dwight Jefferson, Ms. Carrin Patman and Mr. Allen Watson, who had been approved by the City Council for appointment to the Board, for

administration of the Oath of Office. Mayor Parker first thanked the outgoing Board Members, and expressed her appreciation for the tremendous time and energy devoted to their public service. She noted, also, that the incoming Board Members must help guide the region into the future, and work with the county and with other cities for the benefit of regional mobility. Mayor Parker then administered the Oath of Office and the new Board Members took their seats at the Board Members table along with Board Members Sosa and Stewart, and Board Secretary Freeman

Board Secretary Freeman then called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board.

Board Member Gilbert Garcia was nominated by Judge Jefferson. Board Secretary Freeman called for any further nominations. Being none, Judge Jefferson moved that the nominations be closed. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall-Sosa, and all Board Members present voted in favor that the nominations be closed.

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Board Secretary Freeman called for a vote on the election of Gilbert Garcia as Chairman of the Board. All Board Members present voted unanimously in favor by a show of hands. Gilbert Garcia was duly elected as Chairman of the Board.

Board Secretary Freeman then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. Judge Jefferson nominated Board Member Allen Watson. There being no other nominations from the floor, Judge Jefferson moved that the nominations be closed. Board Member Patman seconded the Motion, and all Board Members present voted in favor.

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Board Secretary Freeman then called for a vote, by a show of hands, of those in favor of Board Member Allen Watson for the position of Vice Chairman. All Board Members present voted in favor. None opposed. Allen Watson was duly elected as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Board Secretary Freeman called for nominations for the position of Secretary to the Board of Directors. Jackie Freeman was nominated by Judge Jefferson. There being no other nominations from the floor, Chairman Garcia moved that the

nominations be closed. The Motion was seconded by Judge Jefferson and all Board Members voted in favor that the nominations be closed.

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Board Secretary Freeman called for a vote. All Board Members present voted their approval for the re-election of Jackie Freeman as Secretary to the Board. None opposed.

Chairman Garcia presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Garcia began by recognizing his family members in the audience. He noted that this is a time to celebrate the employees of METRO, the riders and the Board. He stated how he looks forward to working with Secretary Freeman and with Board Members Ballanfant, Sosa and Stewart, and learning from their knowledge of METRO. It is a time to celebrate the newest Board Members and the excitement of working very hard together. Chairman Garcia commended Mr. David Wolff, and his service to the Community which was done with dignity and grace. He thanked Mr. George DeMontrond and the DeMontrond family legacy on the METRO Board. He thanked Ms. Carmen Orta for her community service, and recognized Mr. Gerald Smith for his long time friendship and his hard work on the METRO Board. Chairman Garcia thanked the elected officials who had come to the meeting, and extended a special thanks to Mayor Annise Parker for the opportunity to serve the Community.

Chairman Garcia presented a plaque to Mr. David Wolff in appreciation of his six years of tireless public service.

Chairman Garcia then convened the meeting into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 1:35 p.m., in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, for a private consultation with METRO's attorneys on pending or potential litigation and to deliberate personnel issues related to a public officer or employee.

The Board reconvened in public session at 3:43 p.m.

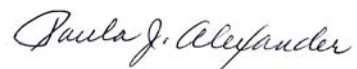
There being no other matters to bring before the Board, Board Member Mendenhall-Sosa moved to adjourn. The Motion was duly seconded and all Board Members voted in favor.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula J. Alexander".

Paula J. Alexander
Assistant Secretary