

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia. Vice Chairman Allen Watson, Board Secretary, Jackie L. Freeman, and Board Members Burt Ballanfant, Christof Spieler, C. Jim Stewart, III and Trini Mendenhall-Sosa were present and constituted a quorum. Board Member Dwight Jefferson arrived at 9:06 a.m. Board Member Carrin Patman arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Garcia called for a Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2010 and the Special Board Meeting of May 7, 2010. Board Member Stewart moved for approval of the Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall-Sosa. All Board Members present voted in favor and the Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2010 and the Special Board Meeting of May 7, 2010 passed.

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Chairman Garcia next called upon those members of the public who had requested to speak before the Board. The persons called upon to speak and the substance of their comments were as follows:

1. Ms. Aleithia Artemis did not appear when called upon to speak.
2. Mr. Mark Smith did not appear when first called upon to speak. Upon his arrival, he was allowed to present his comments. Mr. Smith expressed his concerns about the METRO Q Card and the two-hour transfer period. He complained that he could not get a credit on his Q Card when he felt he was overcharged.
3. Mr. Percy Gonzalez did not appear when first called upon to speak. Mr. Percy Gonzalez was called again and presented his comments when he arrived later. Mr. Gonzalez stated that more assistance should be given to the business owners on Harrisburg along the rail line.
4. Mr. Joseph Charles did not appear when called upon to speak.
5. Mr. Marcus Huntsberry did not appear when called upon to speak.
6. Ms. Hilda Hyatt did not appear when called upon to speak.

7. Mr. Avery Sensley did not appear when called upon to speak.

8. Mr. Mike McMahon stated that he is a supporter of METRO and has been a bus rider for many years. Mr. McMahon asked that the Board represent riders who live in apartments in the Southwest area of Houston and suggested that these persons' opinions be solicited.

9. Mr. Mark Hogue stated that he wants Route 32 to operate on the weekends and that Route 53 operate service later at night so that he can attend Lakewood Church. He also requested that Route 82 operate express service.

10. Mr. Barry Klein advocated the expansion of METRO's bus service instead of the addition of light rail. Mr. Klein suggested that rail expansion be stopped pending a new election on METRO's plans for light rail.

11. Mr. David Thorne commented that he represents the Urban Mass Transit Union. He complained that METRO has refused to acknowledge his organization as a representative body for METRO bargaining unit personnel. Mr. Thorne stated that the opinion he was given by METRO's legal counsel was wrong.

Chairman Garcia next called upon the acting President & CEO, George Greanias, to give his monthly report. Mr. Greanias introduced the METRO summer interns who are all College or University students. The interns will be working with various METRO departments on special projects, such as organizational development, benefits, planning, infrastructure and service development, and service planning.

Mr. Greanias stated that he had completed 21 staff meetings throughout the Authority. The sessions, some of which had been attended by the Board Members, had been very helpful in providing an opportunity to meet the employees, hear their concerns and discuss METRO's new directions. Mr. Greanias stated that there would be a renewed focus on customer service and listening to the customers so that they can be better served. He related a story of a customer who had left her purse on a bus. The purse was located and delivered to her that morning through the efforts of METRO staff. However, the customer complained that the location of the Lost and Found office was too far from the center of town. Mr. Greanias stated that METRO is looking at the possibility of moving the Lost and Found office to a more convenient location.

Chairman Garcia called upon METRO's Chief of Police, Thomas Lambert to speak about Hurricane Preparedness. Chief Lambert summarized the Hurricane Preparedness plan, that works in coordination with the State, County and City, to direct resources where needed. He stated that the plan is available on METRO's website.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the consent agenda. A Motion for passage of the consent agenda was made by Board Member Ballanfant. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall-Sosa and all Board Members voted in favor. The consent agenda consisted of Board agenda items number 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.

MOTION NO. 2010 – 46

1. Authorization for the President & CEO to approve Aon Risk Services US, Inc. as the insurance broker of record for non-OCIP programs for a one year initial period with a cost of \$97,500.

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2. Authorization for the President & CEO to extend the General Mobility Agreement with the City of Houston.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 41

3. Authorization for the President & CEO to execute Authority for Adjustments (AFA's) for the construction of City of Houston Betterments and to modify the contract with Houston Rapid Transit (HRT), for construction of the betterments in an amount not to exceed \$2.7 million.

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4. Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract for benefits consulting and brokerage services with MERCER, for a three year initial period for an amount not to exceed \$675,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 43

5. Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a three year contract with AT&T for consolidated voice and data communication services for METRO communication requirements, for an amount not to exceed \$2,762,003.70.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 44

6. Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Tommie Vaughn Ford to purchase support vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$378,498.

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As the next item for business, Board Member Stewart moved that the President & CEO be authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver an intergovernmental agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for funding in the amount of \$61,000 for assessment of the region's incident management practices. The assessment will be performed by the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Watson and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2010 – 47

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At 9:53 a.m., Chairman Garcia convened the meeting into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, pursuant to the Texas Government Code §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, and §551.076 to consult with the Board's attorneys regarding pending or potential litigation, including Cause No. 2010-24578, Higgins v. Wilson, et al, legal matters in which the attorneys' duties are governed by the State Bar of Texas Code of Conduct; deliberations pursuant to the Act, to deliberate the purchase, lease, exchange or value of real property; and personnel matters, security matters and devices, and legal issues regarding contract negotiations that may result in potential litigation.

The Regular Board meeting re-convened into public session at 10:58 a.m.

Chairman Garcia called on a member of the public, Ms. Aleithia Artemis, who had just arrived at the meeting. Ms. Artemis stated that she had made a written complaint to METRO and had sent it to METRO police by e-mail. She complained of being "stalked" by police officers and over all concerns about the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

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Chairman Garcia next called for consideration of item number 16 of the agenda. Board Member Ballanfant moved declaration of a 15' x 77.01" strip of property located at 5610 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas as surplus to METRO's needs for exchange of a 22.84' x 47.13 strip of right-of-way needed for the East End Light Rail Corridor. Judge Jefferson seconded the Motion and all Board members voted in favor.

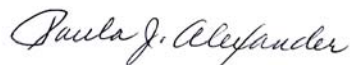
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Judge Jefferson then moved approval to pay amounts owed to Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for additional insurance premiums owed for the Main Street Lines Owner Controlled Insurance Program in the amount of \$600,000. Board Member Stewart seconded the Motion and all Board Members voted in favor, with the exception of Board Member Carrin Patman, who abstained.

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There being no other matters to come before the Board for its consideration, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula J. Alexander
Assistant Secretary