

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2011

MOTIONS - 2011- 4 to 2011 - 10

RESOLUTIONS - 2011- 4 to 2011 - 10

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

Board Members Present:

Allen D. Watson, Vice Chairman  
(City of Houston)

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)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

Chairman Garcia called for a Motion for approval of the minutes for the Special Board Meeting of January 7, 2011 and the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2010. Board Member, Mendenhall Sosa moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Stewart seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 4

Chairman Garcia next called on the members of the public who had signed up in advance of the meeting to make their comments.

Public Speakers:

1. Mr. Thomas Malone - No show.

2. Mr. Percy Gonzalez – Mr. Gonzalez commented on the construction on the East End rail line and would like more advance information regarding construction activities to avoid interruption to small businesses.
3. Ms. Coy Martin Johnson Jenkins – Ms. Martin asked for transportation assistance for students of her non-profit organization, Second Chances.
4. Ms. Dorothy Rucker - No show.
5. Mr. Joseph Charles – Mr. Charles asked for the return of his ADA bus pass and stolen property.
6. Mr. Mark Smith – Mr. Smith made suggestions on how METRO could improve its service and asked for a five-hour transfer window.
7. Ms. Hilda Hyatt – Ms. Hyatt commented on the prevalence of bus passengers eating and drinking while on the bus and commented on her treatment by METRO police officers.
8. Mr. Mark Hogue – Mr. Hogue commented about passengers eating and drinking on the bus. He also suggested that buses run certain routes seven days a week.
9. Mr. Andrew Jackson – Mr. Jackson requested the extension of the bus route on Cullen street that serves the Beltway 8 area.
10. Reverend Marvin Holmes - No show.
11. Mr. Mark Rodriguez – Mr. Rodriguez commented on the construction on the East End rail line, the lack of coordination between the construction flagmen and the police, and the payment of pipe replacement in the corridor.
12. Ms. Jan Berger - No show.
13. Mr. Douglas Brown – Mr. Brown requested that he be reinstated in his job with METRO.
14. Mr. Dominick Mazoch – Mr. Mazoch suggested that METRO recruit volunteers as transit guides during special events.
15. Ms. Annie Wilson - No show.

16. Mr. Don Hooper – Mr. Hooper expressed his concern that the new U.S. Congress would cut funding for METRO's light rail expansion and requested that the project be halted.
17. Ms. Collette Lang – Ms. Lang expressed opposes a shift of representation on the METRO Board to Harris County.
18. Mr. Paul Magaziner - Mr. Magaziner expressed his continued opposition to METRO's light rail expansion and commented on the funding for light rail.

Chairman Garcia then called upon Mr. George Greanias for the President & CEO's report.

The President & CEO reported that new buses were recently delivered that were cleaner, quieter and greener. He reported on the partnering initiative with the Texas Department of Transportation for the extension of the Diamond Lanes. He reported on the construction progress on the North and East End rail expansions. He introduced Jerome Gray as METRO's new media relations person. Mr. Greanias also gave the quarterly management review which included awards received by METRO, boarding milestones reached on the Main Street rail line, and a mandate that all senior managers use the system. He also reported on the sales tax revenue, the receipt of \$50 million in Federal grant funding, and a grant for clean fuel technology.

Following the President & CEO's report, Chairman Garcia called for committee reports.

Board Member Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee reported that the committee recommended several agenda items for approval in support of the current construction projects.

Board Member Stewart, Chair of the Customer Service Committee reported that there were several items the committee considered that it recommended for approval by the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee reported that there had been a payout of General Mobility funds to the City of Houston for projects in the amount of \$24.4 million and approximately \$1 million to the Multi-Cities.

Board Member Patman, Chair of the Government and Public Affairs committee reported that she, Board Members Ballanfant and Jefferson had recently visited the representatives in Austin and had very successful meetings. She reported that the lobbyists for state and federal matters were already working under contract on behalf of METRO's constituents.

Vice Chairman Watson, Chair of the People Committee reported that the committee had approved the guidelines for their committee and are looking forward to working on employment issues and union negotiations.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items 6, 7, 8 and 9. A Motion for the passage of these Items was made by Board Member Stewart and was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 5 (Consent Agenda Items)

Approval and acceptance of the committee reports including the quarterly investment report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 4: Approving the dates and times for the regular Board Meetings for calendar year 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 5: Authorization for the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver an agreement with the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Homeland Security for development and participation in a regional public safety video initiative.

Approval of the FY 2011 balanced scorecard for the President & CEO.

Chairman Garcia next asked for discussion on Board Agenda Item Number 10. Chairman Garcia presented former METRO Board Member Jackie Freeman with an honorary resolution thanking and recognizing him for his service on the Board. He also presented Mr. Freeman with a plaque announcing that the pedestrian bridge connecting the Harris County Bike Trails to the Mason Creek Park and Ride Lot will be named after him.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion for Item Number 10. Board Member Patman moved for passage of this Item which was seconded by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 6: Authorizing and directing the President & CEO to execute and deliver an agreement with Harris County for improvements to the Kingsland Park and Ride Lot to connect to the Mason Creek Hike and Bike Trail System and the George Bush Park Trail Systems.

Chairman Garcia presented Mr. Freeman with a plaque honoring him for his service.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion for Item Number 11. Board Member Stewart moved for passage of this Item. Board Member Speiler seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 7: Approving an increase in the METRORail Expansion Budget from \$158,000,000 to \$343,500,000 and increasing the fiscal year 2011 Capital Improvement Program Budget from \$262,100,000 to \$447,600,000 and making findings and provisions related to the subject.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion for Item Number 13. Vice Chairman Watson moved for passage of this Item. Board Member Stewart seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 8: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Central Delivery for courier services for an amount not to exceed \$192,916 and making findings and provisions related to the subject.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion for Item Number 12. Board Member Stewart moved for passage of this Item. Vice Chairman Watson seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 9: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification with First Transit, Inc. for METROLift Van Transportation Services for an amount not to exceed \$3,690,911.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion for Item Number 14. Vice Chairman Watson moved for passage of this Item. Board Member Stewart seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 10: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract for legal services with the Law Firm of Ogletree Deakins Smoak & Nash for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

At 10:57 a.m., Chairman Garcia convened the meeting into EXECUTIVE SESSION, pursuant to the Texas Government Code §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, and §551.0763 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; 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 11:14 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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