

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28, 2011

MOTIONS - 2011 - 23 to 2011 - 29
RESOLUTIONS - 2011- 32 to 2011 - 43

Presiding - Chairman of the Board, Gilbert A. Garcia, CFA

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)
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)
C. Jim Stewart, III (Multi-Cities)
Gary Stobb (Harris County)

Board Member Absent:

Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia called for a motion for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of March 31, 2011. Board Member Stewart moved for the approval of the minutes. Vice Chairman Watson seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 23

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. Paul Magaziner - Mr. Magaziner expressed his continued opposition to the light rail expansion.
2. Carl Sommer - Mr. Sommer expressed his concern that the light rail train will block traffic access to his business and the adjacent neighborhood.

3. Ralph Lowe - Mr. Lowe markets a product called Lubron and would like an opportunity to sell the product to METRO.
4. Tawana Hemphill - Ms. Hemphill requested reinstatement in her job as a bus operator.
5. Mark Hogue - Mr. Hogue requested a new bus route on Telephone Road to 75th Street and a left turn signal on Elgin and Louisiana streets.
6. Patricia Martin - Ms. Martin discussed a citation she received by METRO police.
7. Joseph Charles - Mr. Charles requested return of his ADA bus pass that he claims was stolen by the METRO Police Department.
8. Mark Smith - Mr. Smith spoke regarding various general complaints regarding bus service and bus drivers and his continued opposition to the light rail expansion.
9. Mike McMahon - Mr. McMahon spoke regarding his suggestions for changes to the current bus route system.

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

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

Safety Awards - Mr. Greanias introduced a METRO employee who had driven 2.3 million miles without any accidents, Isaac Spencer. He introduced employees in the maintenance and support who had completed 35 years of service or more than 72,000 hours, Rodney Griffith, Joseph Clues, Danny Olivet and Elsie Quiller.

Personnel Announcements - Mr. Greanias announced that Randy Frazier has been promoted as METRO's Chief Information Officer, Raul Luzarraga has been hired as METRO's Vice President of Human Resources, and Alva Treviño has been promoted as METRO's General Counsel.

Customer Service - Mr. Greanias reported that METRO has received recognition from the Anti-Defamation League for its outstanding efforts to promote diversity in the workplace. He reported that the Marketing Department has received a regional Addy Award and METRO is a finalist in the American Marketing Association Crystal Awards for its promotional efforts.

METRO Long Range Planning - Mr. Greanias announced that METRO will be having community meetings in the coming months to gather input from its customers.

Partnership Activities - METRO is inviting the public to participate in the naming of stations on the North, Southeast and East End light rail lines. Partnership activities

also include long range planning meetings in the community to gather input for the vision of future transit. Mr. Greanias also reported that METRO partnered with the NCAA and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo to sell fare media to those events on site at Reliant Stadium.

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

Board Member Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee stated that he had nothing to add to the items considered in the materials given to the Board.

Board Member Stewart, Chair of the Customer Service Committee, reported that the committee had a very good meeting on customer service issues.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported that the sales tax report indicates that METRO is running about 7.04 percent ahead of last year and the trend indicates that it should be above budget.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. A Motion for the passage of these items was made by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa and was seconded by Board Member Stewart. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 24

By motion, as reflected in these minutes, the Board approved the acceptance of the monthly committee reports including the investment report, and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 32: Approving Section 5316 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) Projects; Authorizing staff to perform grant actions as necessary for project implementation

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 33: Approval for the President & CEO to execute an interlocal agreement between METRO and Upper Kirby Management District (Upper Kirby Redevelopment Authority) for reimbursement for budgeted, approved projects

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 34: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a 2-year option on a contract with BeAed Corporation for silk screening services in an amount not to exceed \$118,644.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 35: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Avolution Pty Ltd. for the ABACUS software suite in an amount not to exceed \$151,100.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 36: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Ogburn's Truck Parts for the purchase and delivery of brake kits in an amount not to exceed \$1,187,708.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 37: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Axle Tech International for the purchase and delivery of brake kits in an amount not to exceed \$464,157.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 38: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Universal Lubricants for the purchase and delivery of engine oil for buses in an amount not to exceed \$392,000.00

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 14 on the agenda. The Motion was made by Board Member Spieler and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. Board Member Stewart abstained from the vote. All other Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 39: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Stewart and Stevenson, LLC for the purchase and delivery of Allison Energy Storage Systems in an amount not to exceed \$480,974

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 15 on the agenda. The Motion was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All other Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 40: Authorizing the President & CEO to modify the contract with Malcolm Pirnie from \$7.815 Million to \$15.615 Million and extend the period of performance to December 31, 2014

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 16 on the agenda. The Motion was made by Board Member Stewart and seconded by Board Member Spieler. All other Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 27

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 41: Approving a modification to the contract with Hewlett-Packard to reduce scope of Safebus project and advance completion date to December 31, 2011

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 17 on the agenda. The Motion was made by Board Member Stewart and seconded by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa. All other Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 28

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 42: Adoption of METRO's newly revised Service Standards

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 18 on the agenda. The Motion was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Stobb. Board Member Spieler abstained. All other Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 29

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 43: Authorizing and directing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver seven requirements contracts for support services for transit, traffic engineering and intelligent transportation systems for an amount not to exceed \$857,142 per contract

At 10:29 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, 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 10:50 a.m.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Board Member Stewart moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Spieler. All Board Members voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alva I. Treviño
General Counsel and
Assistant Secretary