

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 25, 2011

MOTIONS - 2011 - 30 to 2011 - 34
RESOLUTIONS - 2011- 44 to 2011 - 52

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

Board Members Present:

Allen D. Watson, Vice Chairman
(City of Houston)
Honorable Dwight Jefferson
(City of Houston)
Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa (Harris County)
Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)
C. Jim Stewart, III (Multi-Cities)
Gary Stobb (Harris County)

Board Member Absent:

Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 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 April 28, 2011. Board Member Stewart moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Mendenhall Sosa seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 30

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:

Dominic Mazoch - Mr. Mazoch commented on the true cost to own a vehicle, high gas prices and the financial advantages of using public transit.

Mark Smith - Mr. Smith commented on METRO's customer services and requested more customer service operators to be available 24/7.

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

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

Personnel Announcements - Mr. Greanias introduced METRO's newly hired Chief of Police, Victor Rodriguez and announced that former acting chief of police, Tim Kelly has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Safety.

METRO Rail Expansion - Mr. Greanias called on the public to participate in the process of naming rail stations along the light rail corridors.

METRO Vision Meetings - Mr. Greanias reported on METRO's on-going community meetings seeking input from the community and ideas for future transit. Mr. Greanias reported the launch of 24 meetings throughout the community announced through media releases and more than 105 thousand emails notifications through a partnership with the City of Houston.

Community - Mr. Greanias reported that METRO employees had initiated a supply drive to assist the victims of the recent tornadoes in the State of Alabama.

International Bus Rodeo - Mr. Greanias reported that the International Bus Rodeo was held in Memphis where METRO's team placed sixth in the overall team competition.

President & CEO Scorecard - Mr. Greanias reported that as part of the asset utilization METRO was looking at alternative service to serve certain travel corridors. He also reported that there had been a community meeting in Acres Homes to discuss options to the 48 Dallas and 64 Lincoln routes. He reported that METRO is continuing to monitor the performance of the Airport Direct service and there have been two meetings with stakeholders in that regard. Mr. Greanias gave the Board an update on the progress of the conversion of the HOV lanes to HOT lanes. He also reported that METRO has initiated a review of performance of certain processes to improve and speed up the processes of the organization to save money and become a better operation. Mr. Greanias reported on the goal of reduction of rail and bus accidents. He reported on customer service goals on the score card including customer complaints and bus operator training with regard to better customer service. Mr. Greanias reported on METRO's Leadership Training Program. Finally, Mr. Greanias reported that the Federal Transit Administration had approved two more letters of no prejudice allowing METRO to move forward with \$85 million worth of work on the North and Southeast Corridors.

Following the President & CEO's report, Chairman Garcia called on additional members of the community to make their public comments.

Victor Gomez - Mr. Gomez commented that he had incurred expenses because he had to move a sign and a fence in front of his place of business as a result of the construction of the light rail line. He stated that he had experienced financial difficulty due to the construction activities.

Randall Ellis - Mr. Ellis who represents Legacy Community Health Services, requested that the Board consider bringing back the day pass to better serve his transit dependent clients.

Chairman Garcia called on the Chairs of the METRO Board Committees to give their reports.

Board Member Spieler, Member of the Capital Programs Committee reported that the staff had given the committee a briefing on the High Occupancy Vehicle Toll Lane project and other planning activities. He also reported that the committee had pulled one item regarding planning and consultant contracts from consideration to allow for further discussion.

Board Member Stewart, Chair of the Customer Service Committee, reported that staff had briefed his committee on the six action items that were passed in committee for consideration of the Board.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported that the sales tax report indicates that METRO is running about \$12 million ahead of last year's revenue. He reported that the committee had a presentation regarding the upcoming bond issuance and recommended a vote on the hiring of disclosure counsel.

Board Member Patman, Chair of the Government Affairs Committee reported that her committee has been continuing to monitor legislation in the State Legislature.

A Motion for acceptance of the committee reports was made by Vice Chairman Watson and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 31

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The Motion was made by Board Member Mendenhall Sosa and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 32

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 - 44: Approving a contract with the law firm of Andrews Kurth, LLP for legal services as disclosure counsel for the upcoming bond issuance for an amount not to exceed \$75,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 45: Approval for the President & CEO to execute a contract modification to extend Atser, L.P.'s contract period of performance from November 16,

2011 to September 30, 2013, and increase the contract amount \$1.532 million from \$1.250 million to \$2.782 million

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 46: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a one-year contract with Texas Video & Post for broadcast production services not to exceed \$364,745 annually

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 47: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with United Healthcare to continue providing administrative services including stop loss coverage in an amount not to exceed \$2,303,000 in FY2012

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 48: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a one-year contract with Spectera, Inc. to provide vision coverage in an amount not to exceed \$99,522

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 49: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a one-year contract with Delta Dental, Inc., to provide dental coverage in an amount not to exceed \$707,796

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 50: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions for Cisco Smartnet support in an amount not to exceed \$636,300

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 51: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a contract with Tommie Vaughn Motors for the purchase and delivery of 5 motorist assistance program vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$123,495

Chairman Garcia then asked for a motion on Item Number 15 on the Agenda. A Motion was made by Board Member Stewart for amendment of Item Number 15 to reflect that the agreement with the City of Houston for a cooperative procurement agreement does not apply to procurements for professional services. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stobb.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 33

Chairman Garcia asked for a motion on Item Number 15 as amended. The Motion for passage of the resolution as amended was made by Board Member Stewart and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 52: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute an interlocal purchasing agreement between METRO and the City of Houston

At 10:14 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 10:48 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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General Counsel and
Assistant Secretary