The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:07 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 February 23, 2012. Board Member Stewart moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Jefferson seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-15

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:

Mark Smith- Mr. Smith commented on bus service, cancellation of bus route 48 and detours of bus service.

Tony Jones- Mr. Jones commented on the use of enunciators on buses that are used to announce bus stop and intersection information for American with Disabilities Act compliance. He also commented on the use of lap belts and tie-downs for patrons who are wheel chair bound.
Regina Goodwin- Ms. Goodwin commented on bus route 18, and that the bus schedule pamphlets on the bus were outdated.

Diane Weathersbee- Ms. Weathersbee commented on bus route 18 not arriving as scheduled, and suggested that buses should run 30 minutes apart rather than 45 minutes from downtown to Allen Parkway.

Martha Jones- Ms. Jones commented on METROLift service, and the inaccurate information she received from dispatchers on the arrival of the METROLift cab.

John Proper- Mr. Proper commented on the lateness of bus route 18, and suggested a bus stop for bus route 48 be placed at the stop for bus route 313.

Chairman Garcia then presented board member Jimmy Stewart III, with a resolution commending the board member for his eight years of service on the METRO Board of Directors.

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

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

- Operation Thank You- METRO employees, and board members greeted passengers and thanked them for riding METRO.
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo- METRO worked in partnership with Reliant and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo to offer customers attending the Rodeo free train rides for two days.
- Black History Month- As part of METRO's Black History Month activities, Harvey Johnson, Sr., President & CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation spoke to METRO employees about the effort to dedicate the National MLK Memorial.
- Wellness Award-The Houston Business Journal and the Houston Wellness Association honored METRO as one of Houston's healthiest employers.
- Spring Break Ridership Activities- METRO promoted ridership to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, the Museum District and the Houston Zoo, and achieved a 10% increase in ridership as compared to last year.
- Mr. Greanias recognized Ms. Janice Scott and presented her with a framed newspaper article from the Houston Chronicle.

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

Board Member Burt Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee, reported that the committee received a briefing on the significant progress on the construction of the light rail lines, which had crossed the 45% mark.
Board Member Stewart, Chair of the Customer Service Committee, reported that there were three items on the agenda for action by the board, and that the committee had a good discussion on how to improve service for METRO customers.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported that sales tax revenue is up 12.5% from last year. He also reported that KPMG, METRO's auditor had recommended approval and acceptance of METRO's FY2011 audited financial statements.

Chairman Garcia then called on Mike McClaren, Vice President of HDR to give a brief presentation on the task orders being done on behalf of METRO for planning of projects, expenditures for fiscal year 2012, small business participation and activities planned for the future.

Chairman Garcia then called on Doug Reehl, program director for HRT and Vice President of Parsons Transportation Group to give a brief project status overview on activities related to the North, Southeast and East End light rail construction.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The Motion was made by Board Member Stewart and seconded by Board Member Ballanfant. All Board Members present voted in favor.

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

MOTION NO. 2012 -16

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 -16: Authorization for the President & CEO to pay an additional premium of $58,044 to FM Global for Builder's Risk Insurance; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 -17: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a three (3) year contract for customer care representative personnel services with Taylor Smith Consulting, LLC for a total amount not-to-exceed $750,000; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 -18: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a three (3) year contract for customer care representative personnel services with Lane Staffing, Inc. for a total amount not-to-exceed $750,000; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 -19: Authorization for the President & CEO to renew community outreach office lease agreement with Fulton Street Partners for the North (Red) Line for an amount not-to-exceed $55,000 for one (1) year; and making findings and provisions related to the subject
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20: Authorization for the President & CEO to renew a lease agreement with Yeung Realty for community outreach office space for the East End (Green) Line for an amount not-to-exceed $36,000 for one (1) year; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute a lease agreement with Houston Business Development for an office space for community outreach offices for the Southeast (Purple) Line for an amount not-to-exceed $30,000 for a term of one (1) year; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-22: Authorization for the President & CEO to renew the community outreach office lease agreement with CBRE CB Richard Ellis for the Southeast-Downtown (Purple) Line for an amount not-to-exceed $108,000 for a term of two (2) years; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification to Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purchase and installation of wheel guards, radios, operator training plugs and bicycle racks for 19 light rail vehicles for an amount not-to-exceed $312,473; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 18. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Jefferson and seconded by Board Member Stewart. Chairman Garcia then called for a presentation of METRO's FY2011 Financial Audit Statement by John Kennedy with KPMG, LLP. After the presentation, Chairman Garcia called for a vote on approval of METRO's FY2011 Financial Audit Statement. All board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-17

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24: Acceptance of METRO's FY2011 Audited Financial Statements; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 19. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Stewart. All board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-18

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the construction services contract with TRANSCORE adding $2,387,346 and extending the contract period of performance to March 31, 2013 for work associated with METRO High Occupancy Toll Lanes; and making findings and provisions related to the subject
Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 20. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Patman. All board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-19

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification to METRORail Design-Build contract with Houston Rapid Transit, removing the scope associated with the design and construction of the Harrisburg Bridge on the East End (Green) light rail line; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 21. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-20

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27: Authorization for the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract modification to design-build contract with Houston Rapid Transit to add design and paving of replacement parking lot for Houston Police Department, architectural services for the alternative design of the Central Station canopy and University of Houston-Downtown betterments; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 22. A motion for approval of the item was made by Board Member Ballanfant and seconded by Board Member Stewart. Board Member Castañeda voted nay. All other board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012-21

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-28: Authorization for the President & CEO to implement a project for the relocation of a tree currently located on the alignment of the Southeast METRORail Line, to a location in the adjacent MacGregor Park, as part of a future memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.; and making findings and provisions related to the subject

At 11:55 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 12:43 a.m.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of agenda item number 23. A motion for was made by Board Member Ballanfant to refer this item to the Capital Programs Committee for its consideration. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All board members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 – 22

Chairman Garcia then called for the administration of the Oath of Office to Board Member Cindy Siegel.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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