

MINUTES  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 30, 2012

MOTIONS - 2012 - 61 to 2012 - 67

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

Board Members Present:

Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)  
Honorable Dwight Jefferson  
(City of Houston)  
Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)  
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)  
Gary Stobb (Harris County)  
Lisa Castañeda (Harris County)  
Cindy Siegel (Multi-Cities)

Board Member Absent:

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

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:06 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 July 26, 2012 and the Special Board Meeting of August 17, 2012. Board Member Jefferson moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Castañeda seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 61

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

Yolanda Stevens - Ms. Stevens spoke regarding a collision that she had with a bus, and requested compensation for her injuries and damage to her car.

Mark Smith - Mr. Smith requested that Sunday bus service be expanded on certain routes.

David Espinosa - Mr. Espinosa requested that METRO bus drivers be instructed to allow him to stand while riding the bus due to his disability.

Dominic Mazoch - Mr. Mazoch suggested that customer service meetings be held in the evening to allow customers to attend.

Elizabeth Hatler - Ms. Hatler with the Star of Hope Mission thanked METRO employees for donating \$2500 and items to the shelter and commended METRO for its work in the community.

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

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

- Star of Hope Fund Drive
- Bus Shelter Dedication
- Siemens Light Rail Vehicles
- Train Wraps
- HOT Lanes Grand Opening
- 2013 Business Plan and Budget Overview

Chairman Garcia thanked the METRO Board and the staff for work on the referendum. He announced the formation of a new strategic planning committee for the purpose of increasing ridership and to maximize resources.

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

Board Member Burt Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee, reported that there were several items on the agenda that were approved in the committee.

Board Member Siegel, Chair of the Customer Service Committee, reported that there were several items on the consent agenda and the separate agenda that were approved in the committee that will be considered by the Board.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported that sales tax revenues continued above last year's projected levels at 12%, General Mobility Funds in the amount of \$30.6 million had been deposited escrow for current and carryover amounts, and that there is one item on the agenda for consideration from the committee, the repayment of TCEQ Grant Funds.

Chairman Garcia then asked for discussion and consideration of item number 5 on the agenda, the formation of the strategic planning committee. He appointed Board Member Spieler to serve as Chairman of the committee and Vice Chairman Watson, and Board Members Ballanfant and Castaneda to serve as members of the committee.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. A Motion was made by Board Member Patman to table items 13, 14, and 15 for further discussion and consideration at the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Siegel. All Board Members voted in favor of the amendment to the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor of the remaining items.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 62

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:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 76

Authorizing the repayment of Texas Emission Reduction Program grant funds to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the amount of \$2,601,205.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 77

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification to the contract with Weiser Security Services for unarmed security services for an amount not to exceed \$630,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 78

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver an annual service renewal contract for Cisco SMARTnet support services with Net Sync Network for an amount not to exceed \$709,271

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 79

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Schindler Elevator for elevator and escalator maintenance services for an amount not to exceed \$365,853

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 80

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Innovations in Transportation for radio interface and hardware equipment and integration services for an amount not to exceed \$2,064,331

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 81

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification for construction materials testing with HVJ Associates and Terracon Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 each

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 82

Authorizing the President & CEO to convey a portion of the W. Little York Park and Ride to the Texas Department of Transportation for the widening of US Highway 290

Chairman Garcia called for consideration of agenda item number 18. Board Member Ballanfant made the motion to approve the item. Board Member Siegel seconded the motion. Board Member Spieler abstained. All other Board Members voted in favor of the item.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 63

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 83

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification to Atkins Inc. contract to provide program and project control services for the METRORail expansion project for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000

Chairman Garcia called for consideration of agenda item number 19. Board Member Siegel made the motion to approve the item. Board Member Spieler seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor of the item.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 64

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 84

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a contract with Nova Bus for the purchase of 70 heavy duty articulated clean diesel buses for an amount not-to-exceed \$47,879,383.00

Chairman Garcia called for consideration of agenda item number 20. Board Member Siegel made the motion to approve the item. Board Member Spieler seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor of the item.

MOTION NO. 2012- 65

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 85

Adopting METRO's Major Service Change Policy

Chairman Garcia called for consideration of agenda item number 21. Board Member Siegel made the motion to approve the item. Board Member Jefferson seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor of the item.

MOTION NO. 2012- 66

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 86

Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract modification with First Transit Inc. for operation of METRO's Northwest Bus Operating Facility for an amount not-to-exceed \$16,600,000

Chairman Garcia called for consideration of agenda item number 22. Board Member Ballanfant made the motion to approve the item. Board Member Patman seconded the motion. All Board Members voted in favor of the item.

MOTION NO. 2012- 67

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 87

Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the retrofit of the METRO's S70 light rail vehicles for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,615,497.00

At 10:53 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, 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 11:12 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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