

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
1900 MAIN, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

MINUTES  
September 27, 2012

MOTIONS - 2012 - 68 to 2012 - 80  
RESOLUTIONS - 2012- 88 to 2012 - 101

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)  
Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)  
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)  
Lisa Castañeda (Harris County)

Board Member Absent:

Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)  
Gary Stobb (Harris County)  
Cindy Siegel (Multi-Cities)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia called for a motion for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of August 30, 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 - 68

**Public Comments:**

Jason Liggins - Mr. Liggins spoke regarding METRO's on-time performance, and that buses on certain routes were routinely late.

Sylvia Gonzalez - Ms. Gonzalez spoke regarding METRO's hiring of Hispanics to reflect the population in the Houston community.

Yolanda Navarro Black - Ms. Black spoke regarding METRO's hiring of Hispanics to reflect the population in the Houston community.

Mark Smith - Mr. Smith spoke regarding METRO's on-time performance.

James Llamas - Mr. Llamas spoke regarding METRO's upcoming referendum on the continuation of the General Mobility Program.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

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

MOTION NO. 2012 - 69

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 - 88

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Canon Business Solutions for the purchase and maintenance of photocopiers for an amount not to exceed \$1,938,368

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 89

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a modification to the contract with Deal-Sikes Appraisals to extend the period of performance

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 90

Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate, execute and deliver a contract modification to the design-build contract with Houston Rapid Transit for the design changes to the Robertson Stadium/UH Light Rail Station on the Southeast light rail line for an amount not to exceed \$400,000

**Items for Separate Consideration:**

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 11. The motion was made by Board Member Jefferson and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 70

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 91

Approving and adopting the budget and business plan for fiscal year 2013

Mr. Greanias then introduced police officers that were recently promoted to the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant. Mr. Greanias congratulated all of the employees that went through a very vigorous promotion process.

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item numbers 20 and 21. The motion for approval of item number 20 was made by Board Member Spieler and seconded by Board Member Patman. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 71

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 92

Board ratification of the charter of the Strategic Planning Committee

The motion for approval of item number 21 was made by Board Member Spieler and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 72

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 93

Board ratification of the system reimagining task force and request for qualification for consulting services

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 13. The motion was made by Board Member Spieler and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. Board Member Patman abstained. All other Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 73

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 94

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Verizon Wireless for mobile broadband network access for an amount not to exceed \$200,000

Chairman Garcia then asked for member of the public, Angela Villalobos to speak. Ms. Villalobos spoke regarding the need for a bus shelter at Lawndale and Palo Alto streets.

Chairman Garcia then asked for committee reports. All chairpersons of the committees present stated that they did not have anything to report from their respective committees.

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 12. The motion was made by Board Member Patman and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 74

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 95

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver purchase orders and contracts through cooperative purchasing agreements for the purchase of off-the-shelf hardware and software for a total amount not to exceed \$6,805,000

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 14. The motion was made by Board Member Castañeda and seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 75

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 96

Authorizing the President & CEO to update joint development guidelines, policies and objectives and add transit oriented goals and objectives

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 15. The motion was made by Board Member Castañeda and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 76

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 97

Approving the continuation and funding for the small business program services contract with Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) for an amount not to exceed \$2,389,200

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 16. The motion was made by Board Member Castañeda and seconded by Vice Chairman Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 77

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 98

Approving the continuation and funding of the construction mitigation services by Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) for an amount not to exceed \$3,308,000

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 17. The motion was made by Board Member Castañeda and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 78

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 99

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract modification with Community Awareness Services to provide community outreach office support for an amount not to exceed \$327,920.

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 18. The motion was made by Board Member Castañeda and seconded by Board Member Spieler. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 79

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 100

Regarding a request from Uptown Houston District for support of proposed infrastructure improvement plans within the Post Oak Corridor to serve the Uptown area

Chairman Garcia asked for consideration of agenda item number 19. The motion was made by Board Member Patman and seconded by Board Member Jefferson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2012 - 80

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 101

Authorizing the President & CEO to execute and deliver contracts with Harris County, Montgomery County, Fort Bend County and Waller County for election services

Board Member Spieler left the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Chairman Garcia asked for briefing item 6. Doug Reehl of Houston Rapid Transit presented an overview and update on the construction of the light rail expansion, project status, a report on the small business program, and project safety.

**Executive Session:**

At 11:50 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 12:03 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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General Counsel and Assistant Board Secretary