

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**July 11, 2011**

The Board of Directors Operations Committee met on July 11, 2011 at 10:05 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Board Members Present**

Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Wendy Butler  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick E. Edmond

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/ CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight A. Ferrell; Chief, Business Support Services Theodore Basta, Jr.; AGMs Davis Allen, Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Georgetta Gregory, Mary Ann Jackson, Jonnie Keith, Cheryl King, Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Sr. Directors Johnny Dunning, Jr. and David Springstead; Directors Frank Bockman, Anton Bryant, Sharon Crenchaw, Lisa DeGrace, Lowell "Rip" Detamore, Reginald Diamond, Joe Erves, Garry Free, Charlotte Harris, Hari Nat (Acting) and Elvin Tobin; Managers Cara Hodgson and Marvin Toliver; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid; Executive Administrator Renee Willis. Others in attendance Shika Carter, Anthony Pines and Sheldon Prescott.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery, & Meeks; Matthew Pollack of MATC; Pam Anderson of LTK; Representative Lynne Riley-District 50.

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On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Butler, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Network and Service Equipment Replacement, CP B23833**

Ms. Harris presented this resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to award contracts for network and server equipment replacement under the General Services Administration (GSA) and State of Georgia contracts, up to an amount of \$3,000,000.

Mr. Daniels asked if staff is comfortable that the agency's servers at four years of capacity will still serve in the proper framework given that technology turns so quickly.

Mr. Graham responded that the list notes an average life of six (6) years. Reducing to four years will keep the Authority within that cycle of staying current.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing Solicitation of Proposals for Voice and Data Telecommunications Services, RFP P23964**

Ms. Harris presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval. The resolution authorizes the solicitation of proposals for voice and data telecommunications services by means other than competitive bidding in accordance with Section 14(m) of the MARTA Act, through the use of Request for Proposals. The selection of a preferred proponent shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 14 of the MARTA Act.

Mrs. Butler asked if the services include the ability to communicate with the end user through the Internet.

Mr. Graham responded yes.

Mr. Daniels said he would like to see when the final RFP goes through – desk top phones, station phones, call boxes, parking boxes – he would like to make sure staff is looking thoroughly in terms of connectivity and also compatibility – keeping in mind MARTA's train control system to make sure it is compatible. This will be huge in terms of MARTA's ability to communicate.

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Mr. Graham said this is a two-part system. We are in line with the train control system to make sure whatever we put in now is compatible with that system and systems in the future. This is the final leg when we start connecting to the Internet when you start doing voice-over IP. You will see another project in a few months addressing voice-over IP. About 1-1/2 years ago, Dr. Scott asked staff for a telephone audit. We looked at our rates and compared [ourselves] to other comparable-sized agencies in the Atlanta area. There is a 4-5 year plan from Technology showing how it all ties in. This RFP is mainly for long distance service, your telephone switch; which may be phased out in a year or so by voice-over IP. The advantage of voice-over IP is leveraging one central plant. Right now MARTA uses a voice line which may be a CAT 3 wire and a data line which may be a CAT 5 wire and it may be managed by two different sections. By doing voice-over IP and changing the infrastructure, you can have one wire for all calls that does everything. Staff is taking the necessary steps to prudently look at technology, making sure it is backward as well as forward compatible.

Mr. Daniels said strategically, when these things are planned, staff needs to make sure they work towards one operating goal with MARTA and all of our communication. Sharing this with the Board would be beneficial.

Dr. Scott said a briefing would be scheduled for Board members.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Butler, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

**Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B5430, Lakewood-Fort McPherson Station Modifications for Transit Oriented Development (Close-Out)**

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Mr. Springstead presented this resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to accept the contract or Project B5430, Lakewood-Fort McPherson station modifications for Transit Oriented Development (Close-Out). Staff recommends that the contract for Project B5430 be closed at \$2,584,616.64 and requests approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with MARTA Contract Close-Out Procedure 10.3.27.

Board members Daniels, Edmond and Butler expressed concern on the timeliness of the close-out. The contract originated in October 2007.

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Mr. Keith responded that Contract Audit deals with many audits that are time-sensitive and because of this, some audits may be placed ahead of others.

Mrs. Butler said she would like to know what the policy is for the timing of Audits. What is the inventory of Audits and are there others like this. The Board would like to understand the policy and weigh that policy to make sure it's something we're comfortable with going forward.

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

**Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B5198, Roof Replacement at MARTA Headquarters Building and Arts Center Station (Close-Out)**

Mr. Springstead presented this resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to accept the contract for Project B5198, Roof Replacement at MARTA Headquarters Building and Arts Center Station (Close-Out). Staff recommends that the contract be closed at \$1,025,515.69.

Mr. Daniels asked that the record reflect his same concerns for this close-out as the Lakewood Fort McPherson close-out.

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

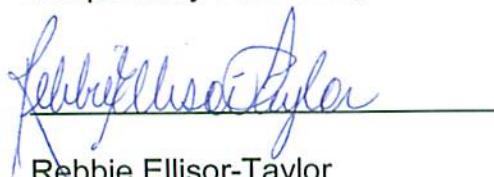
**Other Matters**

Mr. Daniels complimented staff on the new Committee package reporting format.

**Adjournment**

The meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor  
Assistant Secretary