

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

January 24, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on January 24, 2011 at 11:48 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Wendy Butler
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
Noni Ellison-Southall
Barbara Babbit Kaufman
Adam Orkin

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager Dwight Ferrell; AGMs Davis Allen, Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Mary Ann Jackson, Jonnie Keith, Cheryl King, Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill and Tim White (Acting); Sr. Director Johnny Dunning, Jr.; Directors Rich Boullain (Acting), Tony Bryant, Garry Free and Knox O'Callaghan; Managers Marvin Toliver and Don Williams; Executive Administrator MARTA Board of Directors Kellee Mobley; Executive Administrator Renee Willis; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra Wiltz; Office Administrator II Tracie Roberson; Legal Department Administrator Sharon Dunn. Others in attendance Eugene Alphonse, Jason Morgan, Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala and Toni Thornton.

Also in attendance was Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery & Meeks; Matt Pollack of MATC; Pam Alexander of LTK.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

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Minutes of the December 28, 2010 Special Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

Mr. Ashe asked that moving forward, Board members give the basis for their recusal.

Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Lyndon A. Wade to the City of Atlanta Commission Impaneled to Determine an Appropriate Honor for Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy

Mrs. McClendon presented this resolution requesting that the MARTA Board appoint Mr. Lyndon A. Wade to serve as the Authority's representative to the Commission impaneled by the City of Atlanta to determine an appropriate honor for Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy, a native Atlantan, civil right activist and champion for the successful passage of the MARTA Referendum. Mr. Wade understands that the decision to act on any recommendation of the Commission relating to the renaming of MARTA rail stations or other facilities is reserved to the MARTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Daniels asked about the history of renaming stations.

Dr. Scott noted that a resolution was passed over a decade ago that goes through what the considerations would be in such a request. The decision to change station names is a Board decision. If a name change is made, the requesting party will take care of the cost. In today's dollars, that is approximately \$750,000. Names changes have been made at H.E. Holmes Station and Oglethorpe. A likely, future request may come from the many supporters of Reverend Orange in recognition of his contributions to the Atlanta community.

Chairman Durrett called the Board's attention to the clause:

RESOLVED THEREFORE, that Mr. Lyndon A. Wade is hereby appointed by the Board of Directors ... with the understanding that the decision to act on any recommendation of the Commission relating to the renaming of MARTA rail stations or other facilities is reserved to the MARTA Board of Directors.

Mr. Daniels expressed his concerns, noting that this resolution previously came before the Board at which time he noted that Mr. Wade is Mrs. Brayboy's brother – could he truly be objective?

Mrs. McClendon stated that Mr. Wade said he would not support a station name change.

Mr. Daniels noted given the complexity of what we do here at MARTA, we have a full plate. This does not set precedence of the seriousness of our jobs as a Board. He noted that the Board's responsibilities are that of policy makers, strategic planning, etc.

Chairman Durrett stated that he believes it would have been inappropriate to ask a current Board member – for the reasons Mr. Daniels cited. He further noted that he believes the Board (MARTA) must be a partner with its jurisdictions. He stated that it is his belief the Board should move forward.

On motion by Mrs. Kaufman seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was approved by a vote of 8 to 1, with 9 members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Mr. Daniels voted no.

Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,