



**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, May 22, 2014**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 12:08 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

**Board Members Present**

Juanita Jones Abernathy  
Robert L. Ashe III  
Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick E. Edmond  
Kirk Fjelstul\*  
Freda Hardage  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman

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Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2014 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors

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On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Durrett, the Minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 10\* members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

- Audit Committee

Thursday, May 29, 2014

- Operations & Safety Committee – 10:00 a.m.
- Business Management Committee (immediately following)

Thursday, June 5, 2014

- 10:30 a.m. Planning and External Relations Committee
- 12:00 Work Session
- 1:30 Board Meeting

\* Kirk Fjelstul is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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### Informational Briefing – Center for Disease Control (CDC) Advertising Campaign

A new advertising campaign is underway – a campaign that the CDC is undertaking with CBS outdoor; MARTA's advertiser. This campaign is about a vaccine against the Human Papilloma Virus and will run for approximately three months, using rail cars, shelters, buses and stations. A vaccine against cancer, it is recommended for preteens (male and female), ages 11 -12.

### Update on Political Elections

The Board of Directors received an update on the outcome of recent political races.

### Atlanta Streetcar Status Report

A multi-partner project consisting of USDOT, FTA, GDOT, City of Atlanta, ADID and MARTA. Testing & Commissioning is MARTA's responsibility. The work began May 19, 2014 and is scheduled for completion July 19, 2014.

Pre-Revenue Activities – City of Atlanta – a number of activities occur after testing and commissioning certification and before revenue service begins. The responsibility of the City of Atlanta includes:

- GDOT Safety Certification
- Hiring all Staff
- Training of all Staff and Supervision
- Establishment of Service and Supply Contracts
- Installation of Equipment
- Installation of Fare Collection Equipment
- Development of Rulebooks, SOPs, procedures, etc.
- Conduct Emergency Drills
- Training of Local First Responders

The following approach has been proposed to the FTA and is under review:

- a) The City of Atlanta is the operator of the service, with CoA manpower and material utilized
- b) MARTA will serve as the oversight agency, employing a Streetcar Manager

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Other Matters

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Mr. Parker and MARTA staff recently went to Wall Street to request upgrades on MARTA's ratings. They met with the rating agencies to highlight MARTA and the changes MARTA has gone through over the past year-1/2. MARTA is expecting a favorable outcome.

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Clayton County – staff presented an update on what needs to happen between now and November. The MARTA Act states that a Rapid Transit Contract (RTC) must be approved in a Referendum that's called not less than 120 days prior to a statewide election. The MARTA Board and Clayton Commission would agree on the terms of a RTC prior to that election. The voters themselves will vote on the question of whether Clayton should execute a contract with MARTA and shall this contract be approved.

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On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mrs. Hardage the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 1:22 p.m. to discuss litigation.

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mrs. Abernathy, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Executive Session at 1:46 p.m.

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Adjournment

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The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:46 p.m.