

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority  
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223**

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonny Deriso, Chairman  
Caric Martin  
Alton Knight  
J. T. Williams  
Al Nash  
John Sibley  
Bob Voyles  
Lara Hodgson  
James Stephenson  
Dwight Evans  
Jerry Bowman  
Mike Byrd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charlotte Nash  
Narender Reddy

All notice having been duly given, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2009 MEETING**

Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 12, 2009 MEETING**

The agenda for the August 12, 2009 meeting has been circulated. The agenda was approved as circulated.

**Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

**Executive Director Report**

Dick Anderson reported that Todd Long's appointment has been well received, and Mr. Long was endorsed by the subcommittee and is awaiting confirmation.

Mr. Anderson also discussed the financial position of the State. He informed the Board that the GRTA staff has been working to help reduce the costs, and there has been a 10% reduction in payroll costs. Three furlough days will be taken by the end of the year. Mr. Anderson has recommended that the Board take a furlough day before the end of the year.

Mr. Anderson further stated he is proud of the work done by the planning staff, and that the community should be treated as customers. On the Xpress side outstanding service is still being delivered. He said the results of the FTA Triennial Review were outstanding. A Financial Management Oversight review is coming up in the spring of next year, and Mr. Anderson stated that a person from the outside would probably be hired to manage the audits.

Mr. Anderson announced that Brooks McAllister has been hired to manage maintenance on the Xpress buses.

### **TAQC Committee Report**

The committee report for TAQC will stand as written.

### **ELUC Committee Report**

The committee report for ELUC will stand as written.

### **Faithful Service Award**

Mr. Anderson introduced Jacque Levy and presented her with a five year service award.

### **Land Development Committee Report**

Bob Voyles reported that Mike Alexander from ARC presented a report on Plan 2040 forecast. Growth trends were examined, and outcomes will be determined in the future. Laura Beall gave a summary report on customer service. Mr. Voyles was pleased with the results of the analysis, and good recommendations came from it.

### **Operations and Finance Committee**

#### **Vanpool Privatization**

Alton Knight reported that privatization of the vanpool was discussed at the June Board meeting. The recommendation is that as of October 31, 2009 the public vanpool be transferred into a private vanpool. For eight months to follow GRTA will subsidize each van that is transferred at a rate of \$500 per month to assist in making a smooth transition for riders.

#### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that the vanpool be transferred into a private vanpool as of October 31, 2009 and that for the preceding eight months GRTA will subsidize each van transferred at a rate of \$500 per month. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **GDOT Basic Order Agreements**

Mr. Knight also reported Basic Order Agreements were before the board and the Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into the Basic Order Agreements to align the funding and execution of projects.

#### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute 17 basic order agreements for projects and one basic order agreement providing for the annual payment of vehicle maintenance software license fees and property insurance up to the amounts shown in the FTA column of the attachment. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Gwinnett County Park and Ride**

Mr. Knight stated the next item of business was the Gwinnett County Park and Ride expansion and the construction of the Cedars Road Park and Ride lot.

#### **Formal Action**

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director and Board Chair to negotiate and execute an agreement with Gwinnett County for the expansion of the I-985 / GA 20 Road Park and Ride Lot and construction of the Cedars Road Park and Ride lot and operating facility using funds from Gwinnett County. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Protective Rent Agreement**

Mr. Knight further stated another item of business before the Board is the protective rent agreement for property located at 5250 Frontage Road in Forest Park, Georgia.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that authorization be given to the Executive Director to extend the terms of the license agreement with 5250 Frontage Road, LLC for use of the property at 5250 Frontage Road in Forest Park, Georgia through the end of December. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

A report on the Triennial Review was given by Mr. Knight. Twenty-three areas were examined. There were three deficiencies, and those deficiencies have been or will be addressed. Overall it was a very good report.

### **Xpress Operations Report**

Ridership is down from the projections, but operating expenses is less on a year-to-date basis that was projected.

### **Financial Update**

At the request of Mr. Knight, Monique Simmons reported that the financial report was not available for July because of an ongoing audit. The year-end data will be available next week. As of year end the fund balance was \$5.1 million.

### **Projects and Planning Committee Report**

Sonny Deriso reported that the monthly newsletter was provided by Dania Aponte. The newsletter addressed national issues. The monthly air quality report was presented by Kai Zuehlke, and there were fewer bad air days than one year ago. John Crocker gave the TIB update, and the TIP update was given by Dania Aponte, Meg Pirkle and David Haynes.

### **McKinsey Contract**

J. T. Williams discussed the McKinsey contract. He stated that Dick Anderson had explained the contracting of McKinsey for IT3. The committee recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into the contract with McKinsey.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a contract for consulting services with McKinsey & Company in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously

Mr. Williams also reported that the quarterly arterial CID was given by Jim Ritchey and that guest speaker, Yvonne Williams, also provided information regarding the CID.

### **New Business**

Sonny Deriso stated that he appreciates the staff taking furlough days and wants the Board to consider taking a furlough day in either October or November. There will be a discussion and vote at the September Board meeting.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Walter Deriso, Chairman**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel**

**ATTEST:**

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**Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary**