

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2008

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board Secretary Jackie Freeman. Board Members present were Vice Chairman Gerald Smith; Board Members Burt Ballanfant; Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa; George DeMontrond, III; Carmen Orta; C. Jim Stewart III; and James W.E. Dixon, II. The members present constituted a quorum.

MOTION NO. 2008 – 23

Board Secretary, Jackie Freeman, stated that, first, the Board minutes and Board action items would be voted on and, secondly, the Board would proceed to take public comments. Board Secretary, Jackie Freeman, requested consideration for, and approval of, the minutes for the July 24, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Orta and seconded by Board Member DeMontrond. All Board Members present voted in favor.

Board Secretary, Jackie Freeman, called for consideration of the Summary Agenda containing Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13. Board Member Stewart moved for approval of the Summary Agenda. Board Member DeMontrond seconded the Motion and all Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2008 – 24

By way of Summary Agenda, the Board of Directors approved the following:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 61: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with INIT, Inc. for the purchase of next bus arrival signage systems in support of the Signature Bus Program.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 62: Authorization for the President & CEO to modify the Drug and Alcohol Policy for Employees in Safety-Sensitive job functions.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 63: Approval of METRO's 2009 Salaried Medical Benefits Program under the current contract with United Healthcare to administer METRO's medical benefits plan.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 64: Authorization for the President & CEO to declare five (5) 29-foot New Flyer buses surplus and authorization to transfer these vehicles to the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 65: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver three contracts with Tommie Vaughn Ford and Caldwell Country Chevrolet for the purchase of support vehicles.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 66: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Petroleum Traders Corporation for the purchase of 87 Octane Reformulated Gasoline for FY09.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 67: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and deliver a contract with Texas Transeastern, Inc. for diesel fuel transport during FY09.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 68: Authorization from the Board of Directors to hold a public hearing to hear testimony and receive evidence regarding the proposed acquisition of properties for the METRO Solutions Transit System Plan.

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9. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 69: Board Member DeMontrond moved that the President & CEO execute and deliver a contract with Stewart & Stevenson, LLC for the purchase of Allison Bus Parts. Board Member Stewart abstained. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dixon. All members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2008 – 25

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 70: Board Member DeMontrond moved that the Board approve an employment agreement between METRO

and the President & CEO that provides for an annual performance review, includes a ten (10) percent salary increase and adjustments to the life insurance benefit in accordance with the terms described in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sosa.

Board Member DeMontrond stated that Mr. Wilson had not received a raise in years 2005 and 2007 and that the raise was well deserved. Mr. Wilson thanked the Board. All Board Members present voted in favor.

Board Secretary Jackie Freeman called upon those members of the public who had requested to speak before the Board. The persons who spoke and the substance of their comments were as follows:

1. Mr. Robert Leos – requested reinstatement of a bus route on Telephone Road so that he could report to his parole officer near Hobby Airport.

Mr. Freeman asked that Mr. Leos meet with a staff member to address his concerns.

2. Mr. Vincent Trevino – Mr. Trevino reported that he had placed his bicycle on the bike rack on bus number 3453 on the 40 Pecore route. He stated that the spring on the bike rack was loose and that the bicycle became dislodged and suffered damage. Mr. Trevino asked that METRO pay the costs of damages sustained to his bicycle.
3. Mr. Mark Hogue – Mr. Hogue commented that he was glad to see route 82 continue on Sunday. He also suggested adding bus service on Westheimer Parkway to Katy. Mr. Hogue suggested that his ideas were for the improvement of METRO service.

At the conclusion of the Public Comments portion of the meeting, Board Secretary, Jackie Freeman, called upon Mr. Frank J. Wilson for his Business Report.

Mr. Wilson introduced METRO's new General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Pauline E. Higgins and thanked her for joining the METRO family. Mr. Wilson stated that Ms. Higgins is a fascinating woman and that she is going to be able to help the organization immeasurably.

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There being no other matters to come before the Board for consideration, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Higgins", written in a cursive style.

Pauline E. Higgins
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas