

MINUTES
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2011

MOTIONS - 2011-35 to 2011-38
RESOLUTIONS - 2011- 53 to 2011-59

Presiding - Chairman of the Board, Gilbert A. Garcia, CFA

Board Members Present:

Allen D. Watson, Vice Chairman (City of Houston)
Burt Ballanfant (Multi-Cities)
Honorable Dwight Jefferson (City of Houston)
Trinidad Mendenhall Sosa (Harris County)
Carrin A. Patman (City of Houston)
Christof Spieler (City of Houston)
C. Jim Stewart, III (Multi-Cities)
Gary Stobb (Harris County)

The Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia.

Chairman Gilbert A. Garcia called for a Motion for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2011. Board Member Sosa moved for the approval of the minutes. Board Member Stewart seconded the Motion. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 - 35

Chairman Garcia then gave his report to the Board. Mr. Garcia discussed the analysis commissioned by METRO to determine if the 2010 Census would require a change to the number of members serving on the METRO Board of Directors. The Chairman reviewed the analysis and conclusions reached by the study. He explained that METRO had hired Dr. Richard Murray to analyze the census data and undertake the calculations to determine if a change to the METRO Board was warranted. The Chairman explained that the analysis concluded that a change in the number of Board Members was not required as a result of the census figures. Mr. Garcia called on Dr. Richard Murray to elaborate on the methodology for that conclusion. At the conclusion of the discussion by Board Members, Chairman Garcia stated that an opinion from the Texas Attorney General would be sought to determine if the calculations and analysis were done consistent with Section 451.501(e) of the Texas Transportation Code.

Chairman Garcia next called on the members of the public who had signed up in advance of the meeting to make their comments.

Public Speaker:

Mark Hogue - Mr. Hogue spoke regarding extending the hours of operation of certain bus routes.

Chairman Garcia then called on the President & CEO for his report.

Mr. Greanias reported on the following matters:

People - Mr. Greanias introduced and welcomed participants in METRO's internship program who have been placed in various departments at METRO.

Partnering - Mr. Greanias asked the public to participate in the station naming process for the light rail stations. Mr. Greanias also reported that METRO had recently partnered with Methodist Hospital to provide bus transportation for students who attended a student physicals event and at that same event signed up 150 new METRO Q Card users. Mr. Greanias reported on the progress of the long-range planning meetings which were continuing to garner input from the community on ideas for future transit planning.

Awards - Mr. Greanias reported that METRO had recently received recognition of two of METRO's employees, Karen Kaufman and Jacqueline Castell, for contributing to the mission of the Texas Diversity Council, which is a non-profit group that promotes diversity in the workplace and community. Mr. Greanias also reported that METRO received an American Public Transportation Association award for Safety and Security and tied for second place for its bus marshall program. He also reported that METRO's Marketing Department had received three Crystal Awards from the American Marketing Association for its train wrap promoting the Houston Zoo and its Major League Soccer campaign. Mr. Greanias also introduced the award winning video "Transit Boyz" produced by METRO's marketing team which was then showed on the video screen.

Chairman Garcia called for METRO Board Committee reports.

Board Member Ballanfant, Chair of the Capital Programs Committee stated that he had nothing to report from his committee.

Board Member Patman, Member of the Customer Service Committee reported that the consent agenda items were not voted on in the Customer Service Committee meeting because there had been no quorum. However, from the discussion given by the staff, she recommends that the Board pass the items.

Board Member Jefferson, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee, reported that the sales tax receipts were \$40.5 million and the June tax revenue is running 6.69% above last year's numbers. He also reported that the General Mobility Fund had continued to be paid down at a rate of \$5 million per month. He also reported that there had been no change in the debt report.

Board Member Spieler, Member of the Government and Public Affairs Committee stated that there were no action items from the committee, but that the committee had been briefed on various items.

Vice Chairman Watson, Chair of the People Committee reported that the METRO Q Card study continues to move forward and that union negotiations were proceeding as planned.

Chairman Garcia then called for consideration of the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The Motion was made by Vice Chairman Watson and seconded by Board Member Stewart. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 36

By Motion, as reflected in these minutes, the Board approved the acceptance of the monthly committee reports including the investment report, and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 53: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute a First Amendment to the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement between METRO and the City of Houston transferring lead traffic signal operation and maintenance (O&M) responsibilities along the Main Street Rail Line from METRO to the City of Houston

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 54: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a contract with Innovation In Transportation, Inc. (INIT) for IVOMS Software in an amount not to exceed \$145,076.80

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 55: Authorizing the President & CEO to negotiate and execute a three year contract with Iron Mountain in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00 to continue providing off-site record storage

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 56: Authorizing the President & CEO to modify the contract with AON Risk Services USA, Inc. to exercise the 1st year option for an additional amount not to exceed \$97,500.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 57: Authorizing the President & CEO to submit an application to Harris County requesting participation in the Community Service Restitution Program

Chairman Garcia then asked for a Motion on Item Number 12 on the agenda. A Motion was made by Board Member Patman. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Stewart. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011 – 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 58: Authorizing the President & CEO to execute a modification to the Motorist Assistance Program (MAP) Agreement to extend the program for one year

Chairman Garcia convened the meeting into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to the Texas Government Code §551.071, §551.072, §551.074, and §551.076 to consult with the Board's attorneys regarding pending or potential litigation, legal matters in which the attorneys' duties are governed by the State Bar of Texas Code of Conduct; deliberations pursuant to the Act, to deliberate the purchase, lease, exchange or value of real property; personnel matters, security matters and devices, and legal issues regarding contract negotiations that may result in potential litigation.

Board Member Patman asked to supplement her committee report before consideration of the remaining items. Ms. Patman stated that there had been a discussion in the customer service committee regarding the Airport Direct Service. She stated that there had been recent discussions with Mr. McStravick, the head of the Hotel Corporation regarding correcting inaccurate statements made in a recent editorial printed in the Houston Chronicle.

Chairman Garcia reconvened the meeting into public session at 10:52 a.m.

Chairman Garcia asked for a Motion on Item Number 13 on the Agenda. Board Member Ballanfant moved for passage of the item. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. Chairman Garcia asked for a brief presentation on the Item by METRO's outside legal counsel, Cassie Stinson. Ms. Stinson explained the real estate transaction between METRO and Houston Armature Works, Inc. Chairman Garcia then asked for a vote on the matter. All Board Members present voted in favor.

MOTION NO. 2011- 38

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 59: Authorization for the President & CEO to execute and perform all obligations pursuant to a Real Property Exchange Agreement with Houston Armature Works, Inc. relating to East End Parcel Number 90 and related parcels, as part of the East End Corridor Light Rail Expansion

There being no other matters to come before the Board, Board Member Spieler moved to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Watson. All Board Members present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

The date for the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, July 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alva I. Treviño". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.

Alva I. Treviño
General Counsel and
Assistant Secretary