

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority  
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 2300  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**May 23, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie Sutlive, Chair  
Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Steve Dickerson  
Earl Ehrhart  
Andy Macke  
Howard Mosby  
Charlotte Nash  
Teddy Russell  
Michael Thurmond  
Mark Toro  
Todd Ver Steeg  
Chuck Warbington  
Felicia Franklin Warner  
Tom Weyandt

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Russell McMurry

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on March 7, 2019. Mr. Macke made the motion, Mr. Weyandt seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Warner made the motion, Mr. Macke seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved with no changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vic Clayborne  
Rep. Viola Davis  
Sherry Williams  
Ed Williams

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Toro gave the Marketing & Communications Committee Report.

Mr. Sutlive gave the Regional Transit Planning Committee Report.

Mr. Macke gave the Regional Technology Committee Report.

Mr. Ehrhart gave the Administrative Committee Report.

## **AFY19/FY20 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Monique Simmons gave a brief overview of the AFY19 and FY20 budgets which she previously presented in the Administrative Committee on April 16, 2019.

## **APPROVAL OF THE ATL-GRTA SUBGRANT AGREEMENT**

Jonathan Ravenelle gave a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the ATL-GRTA Subgrant Agreement which he previously presented in the Administrative Committee on April 16, 2019.

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the amendment to the ATL-GRTA subgrant agreement. Mr. Ehrhart made the motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Nash seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

## **AFY19 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution approving the AFY19 budget. Mr. Ehrhart made the motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Weyandt seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

## **FY 2020 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution approving the FY 2020 budget. Mr. Ehrhart made the motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

## **PROPOSED REGIONAL FORMULA FUND POLICY UPDATES**

Jonathan Ravenelle gave a brief presentation on the two changes to the proposed regional formula fund policy. The first change relates to the Regional 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding set-aside policy where currently 0.5% of the funding was allocated to ARC (approximately \$330K annually). The proposed policy change increases the set-aside for planning entities to 1%, with 0.75% allocated to the ATL and 0.25% to ARC. The ATL set-aside funding will be used for regional planning/governance activities; not for administrative costs. This would translate to the ATL receiving approximately \$500,00 annually in federal funding for support of regional initiatives, and ARC would receive approximately \$160,000 for initiatives outside the ATL jurisdiction. Most of the administrative components of the previous policies will remain the same except for changes related to the Program of Projects public engagement in order to strengthen FTA compliance with that requirement.

The second change relates to the Regional 5337 State of Good Repair Grant Program, shared segment policy. Currently all funds received for a particular segment of HOV/HOT lanes is allocated to the transit operator that first reported service in that segment regardless of the amount of service they provide or how much service is provided by other operators in the same segment. The proposed change would

allocate funds proportionally based on the amount of service provided by each operator in the applicable HOV/HOT lane segment. The proposed methodology change would be phased in over a period of two-years to limit funding impacts to operators.

Ms. Nash asked how shared services are calculated. Mr. Ravenelle explained that shared services are calculate by the number of trips that are operated on a segment during a one-week period throughout the year.

Mr. Macke asked what the driver of the changes were. Mr. Ravenelle explained that when HB 930 was passed in 2018, the policy updates were put on hold. When the ATL became the designated recipient in October 1, 2018, staff began to work with ARC to complete the policy updates.

Mr. Warbington asked if there are any anticipated changes in funding for individual segments. Mr. Ravenelle explained that this would be unlikely.

### **REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING PROCESS APPROVAL**

Tracy Selin with Cambridge Systematics gave an overview of the regional transit planning process.

Ms. Nash asked how the effects on other parts of the system will be accounted for when determining the performance of a project. Ms. Selin explained that Cambridge has two perspectives in response. First, is the prioritization perspective where enhancing the calculation of transit trips for projects that connect into a broader system will be built into the process. The other is the true planning perspective, which is more of a scenario-based process with more time and support involved to fill in the gaps.

Mayor Bottoms made a comment that some areas may not fall within the categories based on population density or projected density and wanted to make sure this is contemplated as well. Ms. Selin and Mr. Tomlinson agreed and explained that this will be looked at later in the process.

Mr. Thurmond commented that it was his impression that equity will be one of the major performance categories. Ms. Selin explained that equity is included as a piece of the three performance measure categories listed and that Equity is one of the six guiding principles previously approved by the Board and which informs many of the categories/performance measures. There was further discussion among the Board members on the performance measures and Mr. Thurmond's comment.

Chair Charlie Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution approving the Regional Transit Planning Process. The resolution was amended by Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Ehrhart and then by Ms. Nash to emphasize the governing principles adopted by the Board in the formulation and discussion of the regional transit plan and the projects prioritized within the regional transit plan. The Board approved the amendment to require that the ATL staff emphasize the governing principles previously adopted by the Board in the formulation and discussion of the regional transit plan and the projects prioritized within the regional transit plan. Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Ms. Warner made the motion, Mr. Ehrhart seconded. All members present approved the resolution except for Mayor Bottoms who abstained from the vote.\*

#### **\* Supplemental Note**

On May 23, 2019, subsequent to the Board meeting, Mayor Bottoms sent the Board Secretary an email addressed to the ATL Board Members. Mayor Bottoms asked the Board Secretary to forward the email to the Board members. Attached is the email that the Board Secretary forwarded to the Board members related to the Regional Transit Process Approval.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chris Tomlinson provided updates on:

- A federal Mobility Innovation grant opportunity for innovative transit projects that has become available.
- The annual report and audit RFP.
- ATL held the first meeting of the Regional Transit Executives Working Group on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Last mile connectivity was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

**APPROVED:**



Felicia Franklin Warner, Vice Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Meryll Mandus, General Counsel

**ATTEST:**



Jamie Harris, Board Secretary

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED:**

August 8, 2019

## Jamie Harris

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**From:** Jamie Harris  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 4:53 PM  
**To:** Andy Macke; Michael Thurmond; Charlie Sutlive; Charlotte Nash; Chuck Warbington; Earl Ehrhart; Felicia Franklin Warner; Keisha Lance Bottoms; Mark C. Toro; mosb7101@hotmail.com; Russell McMurry; Steve Dickerson; Teddy Russell; Todd Ver Steeg; Tom Weyandt  
**Cc:** Merryl Mandus; Chris Tomlinson; Scott Haggard; Delores Crowell; Crystal James; Deborah Lambert; Dianne Savage; Erik Osetkowski; Tiffany Green; Jacob Tzegaegbe; Pamela Medlock; Megan Middleton; Paula Foil; Rochelle Dennis; Kirsten Wilborn  
**Subject:** Message from Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms

*On behalf of Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms:*

Dear Board Members,

During this morning's meeting of the ATL Board of Directors, I abstained from voting on the motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the Regional Transit Project Prioritization Framework. However, under O.C.G.A. § 50-39-4 (h) a board member cannot abstain from voting except for a reason constituting disqualification to the satisfaction of a majority of a quorum of the board. Therefore, my vote will be in favor of the motion to approve the Resolution Adopting the Regional Transit Project Prioritization Framework.

Sincerely,

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms

Jamie Harris  
Board Secretary  
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