

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

**Board Meeting
Minutes**

March 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Sutlive, Chair
Marsha Anderson Bomar
Keisha Lance Bottoms – via teleconference
Steve Dickerson
Earl Ehrhart
Andy Macke
Howard A. Mosby
Michael Thurmond
Mark Toro
Todd Ver Steeg
Chuck Warbington
Felicia Franklin-Warner
Tom Weyandt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Russell McMurry
Charlotte Nash
Teddy Russell

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charlie Sutlive, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and confirmed there was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting. Ms. Warner moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Warbington seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Warner moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Warbington seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Ed Williams addressed the Board.

REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Marsha Anderson Bomar, Committee Chair, gave a brief summary of the meeting held by the Regional Technology Committee on February 26, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Earl Ehrhart, Committee Chair, gave a brief summary of the meeting held by the Administrative Committee on March 4, 2019.

VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Mr. Sutlive opened the floor for nominations for the position of ATL Board Vice Chair. Ms. Bomar nominated Ms. Felicia Franklin Warner and Mr. Weyandt seconded the nomination. Mr. Sutlive asked if the nominee accepts the nomination and Ms. Warner accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and the Chair closed the floor. The Chair called for a motion to elect Ms. Warner as Vice Chair. Mr. Thurmond made the motion and Ms. Bomar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved to elect Ms. Warner as Vice Chair.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Mr. Tomlinson gave the Board an overview on the changes to the ATL Bylaws as approved by the Administrative Committee. He informed the Board that the changes are also redlined in the Board packets. Several changes were due to formatting and cleanup. The substantive changes include:

- Revising the approval of the Regional Transit Plan from the current simple majority, a minimum 5 votes, to requiring a supermajority, a minimum 10 votes. The change is due to the importance and significance of the Regional Transit Plan.
- Delegating authority to the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts up to \$250,000; any contracts above \$250,000 up to \$1 million requires the signature of the ATL Board Chair and Executive Director; anything above \$1 million requires approval of the Board. Adding standing committees to the Bylaws. If the Board would like to create additional standing committees, the Bylaws will need to be amended. Also, the revision allows the Board Chair to establish ad hoc meetings, appoint Committee Chairs and members to standing committees. The Board Chair may also establish special committees and appoint Board members, where appropriate, to represent the ATL on outside committees, such as ARC.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the bylaw amendments as presented to the Board. Ms. Warner moved, and Mr. Warbington seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution to amend the bylaws.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Chris Tomlinson presented on the ATL's proposed contracting priorities for FY19 and FY20. Contracting priorities for the remainder of FY19 include the annual report and audit of transit operations in the ATL region, the regional transit plan project evaluation and prioritization, and the ATL Board strategic planning.

Contracting priorities for FY20 include the annual report and audit of transit operations in the ATL region; the transit planning services; the regional transit policy work program; various technology projects; ATL brand rollout, socialization, and ATL marketing & communication services; and the regional transit plan financial modeling tool.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution amending the Deloitte contract. Ms. Bomar moved and Mr. Mosby seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

ATL WORKING GROUP STRUCTURE APPROVAL

Jonathan Ravenelle gave the Board an overview on the proposed ATL working group structure.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution related to the formation of working groups. Ms. Bomar moved and Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

TITLE VI PLAN APPROVAL

Jonathan Ravenelle gave the Board an update on the Title VI Program.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution approving the Title VI Program. Ms. Warner moved, and Mr. Mosby seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

AIR QUALITY TARGETS

Jamie Fischer gave the Board an overview of the proposed formulation of air quality standards and targets for 2019.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the resolution formulating air quality standards and targets for 2019. Ms. Bomar moved and Mr. Weyandt seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN GOVERNING PRINCIPLES APPROVAL

Chris Tomlinson gave the Committee an overview of the proposed Regional Transit Plan Governing Principles, which are Economic Development and Land Use, Environment Sustainability, Equity, Innovation, Mobility and Access, and Return on Investment.

Mr. Macke asked how the market demand would be assessed, and how existing projects that certain communities have paid in for years will be factored in terms of investment. Mr. Tomlinson responded that the market demand is a primary feature that will be assessed, and the next presentation will also address market potential category.

There was a discussion regarding Mr. Macke's question on equity. Mr. Ehrhart made a comment that equity means that the ATL is responsible for the 13 counties, also that everyone's constituents have paid into the system somehow since everyone pays federal taxes and sales tax. Ms. Warner suggested the Board look at how far along other operators are in their strategic operating plans and what has already been executed prior to the ATL Authority. Ms. Warner asked where public engagement comes in to play. Ms. Bomar explained that it will be included as part of the planning process later.

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Regional Transit Plan Governing Principles. Ms. Warner moved and Mr. Weyandt seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING UPDATE

Ms. Tracy Selin with Cambridge Systematics gave the Board an update on the ATL Transit Project Prioritization Process.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) OVERVIEW

Chris Tomlinson gave the Board an overview on Bus Rapid Transit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chris Tomlinson recognized Board members Marsha Anderson Bomar, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Charlotte Nash for being on the Top 100 Influential Women in Georgia as well as Annie Gillespie, Mary Sallach, and Lori Sand from the SRTA/ATL staff. Scott Haggard gave the Board a brief legislative update.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CALL TO ADJOURN


Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Warner moved and Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:



Charlie Sutlive, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Merry Mandus, General Counsel

ATTEST:



Jamie Harris, Board Secretary

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:

May 23, 2019