

**MINUTES  
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
January 8, 2008**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:31 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Shaw presiding.

**City of Dallas**

Scott Carlson  
Jerry L. Christian  
Pamela Dunlop Gates  
Daniel C. Perez  
Lynn Flint Shaw - **Chair**  
Robert Strauss - **Secretary**  
William Tsao  
William M. Velasco

**City of Garland**

Angie Chen Button

**City of Irving**

John C. Danish – **Assistant Secretary**

**City of Plano**

Linda Paulk

**Cities of Addison, Highland Park, Richardson, and University Park**

Raymond Noah

**Cities of Carrollton and Irving**

Randall Chrisman – **Vice Chair**

**Cities of Dallas, Plano, Glenn Heights, and Cockrell Hill**

Faye Moses Wilkins

**Cities of Farmers Branch, Garland, and Rowlett**

Mark C. Enoch

Mr. Jerry Christian and Ms. Linda Paulk were absent.

General Items:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Presented.

2. **Prayer**

Presented.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**           **December 11, 2007**

**Mr. Noah made a motion to approve the December 11, 2007, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes with no corrections, deletions, or additions.**

**Mr. Enoch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

4. **Public Comments**

Chair Shaw reviewed the Code of Conduct for Citizens, News Media, and Visitors at DART Board Meetings (on file in the Office of Board Support) that would govern the public comments of the meeting.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Ms. Betty Newman: Ms. Newman stated that she had identified a terrorist and expressed that she was troubled that no one had thanked her.

Mr. Thomas Murphy: Mr. Murphy stated that on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at approximately 12:00 a.m. he found himself stranded at the end of the Red Line (8<sup>th</sup> and Corinth). Mr. Murphy said he had fallen asleep while riding and had missed his stop in Richardson. Mr. Murphy stated that he found a DART employee in the area who was sitting in a car recording times for the trains. Mr. Murphy said the employee provided no assistance and no information. Mr. Murphy closed by saying that it was obvious from his experience that DART did not have a "stranded passenger" policy and he urged the Board to consider developing and implementing such a policy as soon as possible.

Dr. Bonnie Hurd, 9215 Bruton Road, Apartment 231, Dallas, Texas: Dr. Hurd expressed concern for the safety of elderly and handicapped passengers on the bus system. Dr. Hurd also stated that young people frequently sit in the seats reserved for elderly and handicapped in the front of the buses and will not vacate the seats when asked to do so.

Brad Cross, Dallas, Texas, 75218: Mr. Cross expressed concerns relating to the DART Code of Conduct, recent advertisements, security, customer satisfaction, Public/Private partnerships, and accountability of DART executive staff.

Ms. Olinka Green: Ms. Green submitted a resolution (on file with the Office of Board Support), crafted by The New Black Panther Party – Dallas Chapter, calling for the creation of a Citizen Review Board.

Charles Goodson, Dallas, Texas: Mr. Goodson also discussed the creation of a Citizen Review Board (as above).

Mark Walker, 4150 Second Avenue, Dallas, Texas: Mr. Walker stated that he is the owner of Walker Auto/Body and addressed continued delays in construction that continue to adversely affect his business.

Anthony Fisher, 2121 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Dallas, Texas: Mr. Fisher told the Board about the lack of safety and security experienced by passengers, primarily elderly veterans, who use the VA Hospital stop. Mr. Fisher said that the lack of safety at this particular stop had been brought to DART's attention several times in the past, but, from his experience, nothing was being done to improve the situation.

Chair Shaw asked if anyone else, eligible to speak during this portion of the meeting, wished to address the Board and no reply was made.

#### Consent Items:

**Ms. Wilkins made a motion to approve Consent Items No. 5 – 7.**

**5. Approval of Depository Bank Disbursement Officers and Signature Authorizations**

**Approval of Resolution No. 080000 that states:**

**Section 1: Individuals in the following positions are designated as Disbursement Officers, authorized to disburse DART funds through their signatures or approvals on accounts payable checks and payroll checks and Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic payments:**

**President/Executive Director  
Executive Vice President, Operations  
Chief Financial Officer  
Treasurer/Controller  
Assistant Treasurer  
Senior Manager, General Accounting**

**Section 2:** A facsimile signature of the President/Executive Director is sufficient authorization for disbursement checks and Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic payments under \$100,000.

**Section 3:** Disbursement checks and Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic payments of \$100,000 or more will require the facsimile signature of the President/ Executive Director and the manual signature of one Disbursement Officer.

**Section 4:** Individuals in the following positions are authorized to transfer funds to and from the System Expansion and Acquisition Fund (SEAF) Account, the Financial Reserve Account, Capital Reserve Fund, and the Master Insurance Reserve Account to the General Operating Account.

Chief Financial Officer  
Treasurer/Controller  
Assistant Treasurer  
Senior Manager, General Accounting  
Cash Manager (repetitive wires)

**Section 5:** The President/Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute the necessary agreements with DART's depository bank to effectuate this change.

**Section 6:** This resolution will take effect upon notification to the depository bank.

**6. Approval of a Shuttle Service Funding Agreement with the City of Richardson to Provide Service from Galatyn Park Station**

Approval Resolution No. 080001 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a shuttle service funding agreement with the City of Richardson for the Galatyn Park/Palisades site-specific shuttle operation in substantially the form as shown in Exhibit 1 for a three-year term with two one-year extensions.

**7. Renewal of the NorthPark Shuttle Funding Agreement**

Approval of Resolution No. 080002 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute an agreement with NorthPark Center for the operation of Route 702 (NorthPark Shuttle), in substantially the form as shown in Exhibit 1.

Ms. Button seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Individual Items:

8. **Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between DART and NCTCOG for Funding of the Lake Highlands Development and the DART Lake Highlands Station**

Mr. Chrisman introduced the item, provided a brief history, and then asked for approval of a Resolution No. 080003 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement between DART and the North Central Texas Council of Governments for funding of the Lake Highlands Development and the DART Lake Highlands Light Rail Transit Station substantially in the form attached to this Resolution as Attachment 1.

Mr. Carlson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

9. **\*Monroe Shops Contract of Sale and Development**

This item was for consideration at the Committee-of-the-Whole only.

10. **\*Update on Irving/Rowlett Value Engineering Assessment and Financing Concepts**

This item was for consideration at the Committee-of-the-Whole only.

Other Items:

Chair Shaw acknowledged that there were additional Public Comments waiting to be heard and asked for all Reports to proceed, stating that the Board would return to Item 12., **Chair Report**, after the final Public Comments.

11. **Officer Reports**

There were no reports.

13. **General Counsel's Report**

There was no report.

14. **President/Executive Director's Report**

There was no report.

**15. Communications and Public Comments**

Mr. Mearion Harris: Mr. Harris addressed the Board concerns relating to DART meeting construction and service commitments.

Chair Shaw thanked Mr. Harris and all other public speakers for their participation and then returned to Item 12., **Chair Report**.

**12. Chair Report**

Chair Shaw extended birthday congratulations to Ms. Dunlop Gates who celebrated her birthday on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Shaw then reminded the assembled Board that the Irving Chamber would host a briefing and tour on January 15, 2008. The briefing and tour would be followed by a reception and dinner.

Chair Shaw continued that the Board should be aware that there are several member city Chamber events during the month of January. Chair Shaw encouraged Board members who represent a City that has such an annual meeting to advise Nancy Johnson, Director of Board Support, of his or her availability so that Ms. Johnson could coordinate attendance.

Chair Shaw reminded the assembly that the TRE Advisory Committee planned on meeting on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 12:00 p.m. at the maintenance facility in Irving. Chair Shaw added that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on January 18, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. at DART Headquarters.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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Gail L. Cook  
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item

\* Briefing Item