

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
August 11, 2009**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 6:31 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Chrisman presiding.

City of Dallas

Scott Carlson
Jerry L. Christian
Pamela Dunlop Gates – **Assistant Secretary**
Angel Reyes
Robert Strauss – **Vice-Chair**
William Tsao
William M. Velasco
Claude Williams

City of Garland

Tracey M. Whitaker

City of Irving

John C. Danish – **Secretary**

City of Plano

Loretta Ellerbe

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

Raymond Noah

Cities of Carrollton and Irving

Randall Chrisman – **Chair**

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

Faye Moses Wilkins

Cities of Farmers Branch, Garland, and Rowlett

Mark C. Enoch

Jerry Christian and Loretta Ellerbe were absent.

General Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** July 7, 2009

Mr. Enoch made a motion to approve the July 7, 2009, Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting minutes with no corrections, deletions, or additions.

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

Chair Chrisman moved the Board to hear Item 3., **Paratransit Advisory and Accessibility Group (PAAG) Report**, prior to addressing Public Comments.

3. **Paratransit Advisory and Accessibility Group (PAAG) Report concerning their July 17, 2009, Meeting**

Dr. Terry Prohaska related the events which took place at the July 17, 2009, PAAG meeting. Mr. Prohaska stated that the Group was introduced to the "Where's My Bus?" program and the Behavior, Health and Intellectual Disability verification process was also covered. He continued that the 2010 Budget and (Paratransit) Key Performance Indicators were also reviewed.

Mr. Victor Burke, Executive Vice President of Operations, stated that he wished to recognize Paratransit's outstanding Driver of Summer 2009. Chair Chrisman acquiesced.

Mr. Donnie Thompson, Assistant Vice President of Paratransit Operations, introduced Mr. Alice Jones who was honored because of his safe driving record, on-time performance, noteworthy attendance, and outstanding customer service. Mr. Jones was gratified by the award and stated that he genuinely enjoyed his job.

2. **Public Comments**

Chair Chrisman reviewed the rules that govern the Public Comments portion of the meeting, including the Code of Conduct for Citizens, News Media, and Visitors at DART Board Meetings (on file in the Office of Board Support).

The following individual addressed the Board:

Dr. Terry Prohaska, PhD., 2601 Frankford Road, #261, Dallas, Texas, 75287, (972) 992-0351: Dr. Prohaska said that he was concerned by the number of foreign made vehicles (light-duty trucks and automobiles) recently purchased by DART. Dr. Prohaska stated that DART relies on the economy on the United States and, as such, the vehicles should be American made to keep the profit for the purchase in America.

Consent Items:

Mr. Enoch made a motion to approve Consent Items 4. - 6.

4. Contract for Miscellaneous Bus Detroit Diesel Engine Parts

Approval of Resolution No. 090093 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract, ~~subject to legal review~~, for Miscellaneous Bus Detroit Diesel Engine Parts to Stewart & Stevenson for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$623,473 for the two-year base period.

5. Service Plan Amendment to Modify a Grade Separation on the Northwest to Irving/DFW Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension

Approval of Resolution No. 090094 that, subject to the requirements of applicable law and regulations, the DART Service Plan be amended to modify the grade separation of Century Center Boulevard to an at-grade crossing along the Northwest to Irving/DFW Corridor LRT Extension as shown in Exhibit A attached to this resolution.

6. Local Assistance Program (LAP)/Congestion Management System (CMS) Programming Request for the City of Carrollton

Approval of Resolution No. 090095 that approves the LAP/CMS programming request for the City of Carrollton, as contained in Exhibit 1.

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

Individual Items:

7. +Approval to Distribute the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and Twenty-Year Financial Plan to Member Jurisdictions for Review

Mr. Strauss made a motion to approve Resolution No. 090096 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to distribute the proposed FY 2010 Budget and Twenty-Year Financial Plan to the governing bodies of the member jurisdictions for their review with the addition of the disclaimers, described by Budget & Finance and approved by Committee-of-the-Whole.

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

8. Review of Proposed Changes to Fare Structure and Approval to Amend Fare Structure for Free Fares and Special Programs

Chair Chrisman asked the Board to be aware the revised (blue sheet) Resolution had been distributed and the revised (blue sheet) Resolution was under consideration.

Mr. Strauss made a motion to approve Resolution No. 090097 which adopts the changes to Free Fare and Special Programs categories of the Fare Structure, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached to the Resolution, as effective beginning on September 14, 2009.

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

9. *Update on Federal Legislative Activities Related to DART

This item was considered by the Committee-of-the-Whole only.

10. *Update on Rail Corridor Negotiations Regarding the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)

This item was considered by the Committee-of-the-Whole only.

Other Items:

11. Public Comments

There were no subsequent Public Comments.

12. Identification of Future Agenda Items

This item was considered by the Committee-of-the-Whole only.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Gail Cook
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item

* Briefing Item