

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
January 13, 2009**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 6:32 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:** December 9, 2008

Mr. Noah made a motion to approve the December 9, 2008, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes with no corrections, deletions, or additions.

Mr. Enoch seconded the motion and it was approved by majority. (12/1; Ms. Dunlop Gates abstained).

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 individuals addressed the Board:

Mr. John Scott Stigers, 4718 Kildare Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75216, (214) 374-4657: Mr. Stigers stated that he disagreed with the policy that governs the annual pass program and fare enforcement. Mr. Stigers continued that he had purchased a new annual pass at the beginning of the year and the pass had been stolen. He had been told that the pass could not be re-issued at regular price. Mr. Stigers concluded by saying that he has seen many people circumventing paying the required fare and not ticketed nor disciplined in any way.

Consent Items:

Mr. Tsao made a motion to approve Consent Item 3.

3. **Contract for Construction of the Rosa Parks Plaza in Downtown Dallas**

Approval of Resolution No. 090000 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract for the construction of the Rosa Parks Plaza to Journeyman Construction, subject to legal review, in the amount of \$1,464,361, plus a supplemental work contingency of \$73,218 (5%) for unanticipated expenses, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,537,579.

Mr. Enoch seconded the motion and it was approved by majority. (10/3; Mr. Williams, Mr. Whitaker, and Ms. Dunlop Gates opposed the item.)

Individual Items:

4. **+Authorization to Negotiate with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for Amtrak Access to the Trinity Railway Express Corridor**

Mr. Danish made a motion to approve Resolution No. 090001 that states:

Section 1: The President/Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (the T) for Amtrak access to the DART and T – owned Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Corridor;

Section 2: Upon completion of negotiations, the agreement shall be presented to the DART Board of Directors for consideration and possible approval.

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

5. ***Process for Documenting, Investigating, and Resolving Customer Complaints**

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

6. ***Update on Design-Build Request for Proposals (RFP) Process for Rowlett Corridor**

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

7. ***Government Relations Update on 81st Session of the Texas Legislature, DART's Legislative Agenda and the Status of the Rail North Texas Initiative**

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

Other Items:

8. **Public Comments**

There were no additional Public Comments.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Gail Cook
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item
* Briefing Item