

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
March 25, 2008**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 6:34 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**
Daniel C. Perez
Robert Strauss – **Vice-Chair**
William Tsao
William M. Velasco

City of Garland

Angie Chen Button

City of Irving

John C. Danish – **Secretary**

City of Plano

Linda Paulk

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

Ms. Paulk was absent.

Before proceeding with the published Agenda, Chair Chrisman asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of the recently deceased Lynn Flint Shaw.

General Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** **March 4, 2008**

Mr. Noah made a motion to approve the March 4, 2008, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes with no corrections, deletions, or additions.

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

2. **Committee Advisory Reports**

Mr. Claude Doane, Chairman of the Committee Advisory Committee, presented an overview of the Committee's last meeting that convened on March 20th, 2008.

Mr. Doane stated that the Committee discussed a work plan for 2008. He continued that safety continues to be a priority, especially operators using cell phones. He also said the Committee also wished to focus on the build-out and planned on touring the on-going construction. Mr. Doane said the CAC had also drafted a Code of Conduct and a sub-Committee had been appointed to refine the draft.

Mr. Doane closed by saying that he had, personally, attended DART's Raildeo event on Saturday, March 22nd, and expressed his compliments to Mr. Thomas, President/Executive Director, for his participation in the event.

3. **Honorary Proclamation for Oscar Flores**

Mr. Jerry Reynolds, Director of Transit Operations, introduced Mr. Oscar Flores, Manager of Transit Operations Training. Mr. Reynolds stated that Mr. Flores had decided to retire on March 31, 2008, and wished to recognize Mr. Flores' 38-year history with both DTS and DART and commended Mr. Flores' exemplary and exceptional service to the agency and to the community.

Mr. Flores thanked the Board for the honor and said he had genuinely enjoyed working for DART and helping to provide a worthwhile service to the region.

4. **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 then addressed the Board:

Michael King, 2433 East Kiest Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, 75216, (214) 478-2663: Mr. King spoke to the Board concerning the Monroe Shops and stated he represented the Cedar Crest Country Club Estates. Mr. King referred to a letter previously submitted (via facsimile) to the members of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Committee. Mr. King summarized the contents of the letter, which essentially expressed frustration concerning the long delay in developing the Monroe Shops property. Mr. King commended Mr. Danish, Chair of the TOD Committee, and encouraged Mr. Danish and the Board to recognize that the community needs the promised development to materialize.

John Killian, 829 Melba, Dallas, Texas: Mr. Killian stated that he believed the DART Police would appreciate having a premium facility constructed at Monroe Shops.

Consent Items:

Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve Consent Items No. 5 - 8.

5. Contract for Detroit Diesel Repower Kits

Approval of Resolution No. 080035 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract, subject to legal review, for Detroit Diesel repower kits to Stewart & Stevenson, L.L.C., in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,658,803.

6. Contract Modification for Refrigerant Gases

Approval of Resolution No. 080036 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification, subject to legal review, for refrigerant gases with Coolgas, Ltd., [Contract No. C-1010366-01] to:

Section 1: Exercise the one-year option.

Section 2: Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$203,108, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$606,141.

7. Contract for Bus Transmission Electronic Control Units (ECUs)

Approval of Resolution No. 080037 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract for bus transmission electronic control units (ECUs) to Cummins Southern Plains, Ltd., in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$265,839.

8. **Contracts for Non-Revenue Vehicles (NRVs)**

Approval of Resolution No. 080038 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award four contracts for a total of 83 non-revenue vehicles for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,771,997 to:

Section 1: Philpott Ford in an amount not to exceed \$436,280.

Section 2: Planet Ford in an amount not to exceed \$427,264.

Section 3: McKinney Dodge in an amount not to exceed \$464,058.

Section 4: Baby Jack II Automotive, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$444,395.

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

Individual Items:

9. **+Scope, Cost, and Award of Contract for Review of Capital Cost Projections and Processes**

Mr. Noah made a motion to approve Resolution No. 080039 that authorizes the Director, Internal Audit, to engage Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. for expert engineering services in the review of the capital cost projections and processes in an amount not to exceed \$ 184,749.

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

10. ***Review of FY 2008 First Quarter Operating & Financial Performance Report**

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

11. ***Request for an Attorney General's Opinion on the Validity of Collecting a Regional Transit Authority's Sales and Use Tax at Different Levels in Separate Subregions (RO-06677-GA)**

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

Other Items:

12. Officer Reports

Secretary Danish reported that the Board had recently enjoyed a field trip to the Monroe Shops and added that every effort would continue to find a solution to the Monroe Shops.

13. Chair Report

Chair Chrisman commented on the DART Raildeo/Roadeo event that was held on March 22nd, offering his congratulations to all participants, especially those members of management that drove in the “celebrity” event.

Chair Chrisman then congratulated Ms. Wilkins on her recent birthday.

With Chair Chrisman’s permission, Mr. Enoch asked for the Board to recognize the past accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Doug Allen, who had recently left DART employ and relocated to Austin, Texas. Chair Chrisman concurred with Mr. Enoch’s request and said this item would be placed on the next Board agenda.

14. General Counsel’s Report

There was no report.

15. President/Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Thomas expounded on the combined Raildeo/Roadeo event, mentioned earlier by Chair Chrisman. Mr. Thomas expressed thanks to Ms. Tammy Haenftling, Assistant Vice President of Paratransit Management Services, for her coordination and motivation.

Mr. Thomas said the event was an opportunity for Operators, Mechanics, and others to highlight their impressive skills. He concluded that a banquet honoring the accomplishments garnered at the Raildeo/Roadeo hosted Friday, March 28th.

16. Communications and Public Comments

There were no additional Communications and Public Comments.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53p.m.

Gail L. Cook
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item
* Briefing Item