Due to the COVID-19 virus, DART Board meeting rooms were closed to the public. All meetings took place by videoconference and are available at https://www.dart.org/about/board/boardvideo.asp.

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors’ meeting came to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:08 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Wageman presiding.

City of Dallas  
Ray Jackson – Assistant Secretary  
Patrick J. Kennedy  
Jon-Bertrell Killen  
Michele Wong Krause – Vice-Chair  
Amanda Moreno-Lake  
Rodney Schlosser  
Dominique P. Torres

City of Garland  
Jonathan R. Kelly – Secretary

City of Irving  
Rick Stopfer

City of Plano  
Paul N. Wageman – Chair

City of Cockrell Hill and Dallas  
Eliseo Ruiz, III

Cities of Carrollton and Irving  
Doug Hrbacek

Cities of Farmers Branch and Plano  
Robert C. Dye

Cities of Garland, Rowlett, and Glenn Heights  
Mark C. Enoch

Cities of Richardson and University Park; Towns of Addison and Highland Park  
Gary A. Slagel

Mr. Rick Stopfer was absent.
General Items:

1. Roll Call

Chair Wageman took Roll Call, confirming a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2020

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the December 8, 2020, Board of Directors’ meeting Minutes, and entered into record, as written.

Mr. Dye seconded.

Chair Wageman took a Roll Call vote and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole only.

14. Public Comments

Public comments for the Board of Directors' meeting were accepted via email at the following address: boardmeetingpubliccomments@dart.org until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. All comments received were read into the public record during the Board meeting by Chair Wageman.

Chair Wageman read into record a total of 22 Public Comments received via email (Copy on file with the Office of Board Support).

Public Comments were as follows:

Ms. Claudia Jones, Employee: Ms. Jones voiced concern regarding the DART annual increase and bonuses.

Mr. Frederick Allen, Employee: Mr. Allen voiced concern with closing the SOC division and sending the operators to other divisions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Bryan Blanks, Employee: Mr. Blanks thanked Mr. Thomas for his years of dedication to DART.

Mr. Kenneth Day, Employee: Mr. Day voiced concerns with the annual pay increase and bonuses not being provided to DART employees.

Ms. Tina Adams, Employee: Ms. Adams voiced concern of certain Pandemic protocols not being followed by all DART employees.

Mr. Bernard Wade, Employee: Mr. Wade request a list of employee names be read into record.

Ms. Claire Haney: Ms. Haney recommended converting the entire DART bus fleet to electric buses as quickly as possible.

Mr. Armando Escobedo, Employee: Mr. Escobedo voiced concern with rumors that are being said concerning Servicers being replaced by temporary employees in the Material Management Department.
Mr. Aaryaman Singhal:
Mr. Singhal recommended converting the DART buses to electric buses.

Mr. Bruce Andrew Magness:
Mr. Magness recommended converting the DART buses to electric buses.

Ms. Cleda Holiday, Employee:
Ms. Holiday voiced concern with the HealthScope Insurance.

Mr. Nathan May:
Mr. May recommended converting the DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Mr. Kevin Richardson:
Mr. Richardson supports converting the DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Ms. Maya Gonzalez:
Ms. Gonzalez recommended converting the DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Mr. John Boyd, Employee:
Mr. Boyd requested the DART Board step in and stop Material Management Department’s proposal to start cross-training on February 1 due to the rising cases of COVID-19.

Mr. Michael Lara, Employee:
Mr. Lara requested management make their intentions clear, in writing, with regards to outside contractors, the future of the Servicers, and the sanitation/janitorial duties.

Ms. Jan Falcona:
Ms. Falcona recommended converting the entire DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Mr. Vincent Paluscio, Employee:
Mr. Paluscio requested someone look into the following areas: rescheduled holidays, markups, promotions, and sick leave.

Mr. Carlos Rodriguez:
Mr. Rodriguez recommended converting the entire DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Mr. Bryan Tony:
Mr. Tony recommended converting the entire DART bus fleet to electric buses.

Mr. Albert Dirla, Employee:
Mr. Dirla requested a response for the following concerns: 1) banning DART employees from using restrooms at DART facilities, by closing them; and 2) Anniversary increases.

Mr. Amado C. Soto:
Mr. Soto referenced a legal matter concerning a property.

After reading all the provided emails, Chair Wageman took Roll Call, confirming a quorum was present, prior to continuing with the agenda.
Consent Items:

Ms. Wong Krause moved to forward Consent Items 4 through 8.

Administration:

4. Approval of Outside Counsel for Railroad Agreements

Moved for approval of Resolution 210000 stating the General Counsel is authorized to continue the engagement of Hogan Lovells, LLP relating to rail legal matters, in an additional amount not to exceed $100,000, for a new total amount not to exceed $150,000.

Customer Service, Safety and Mobility:

5. Approval to Execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Collin County for Jail Services

Moved for approval of Resolution 210001 stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement between DART and Collin County, substantially in the form shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, for the detention and confinement of adult persons arrested by DART Police Officers in Collin County.

Planning and Capital Programs:

6. Approval of Funding Agreement with the City of Dallas for the Joppa Neighborhood in Southern Dallas

Moved for approval of Resolution 210002 stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute a three-year Interlocal Funding Agreement with the City of Dallas (COD) to provide an on-demand transportation service for the Joppa neighborhood, substantially in the form as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution and subject to legal review, in the total authorized amount not to exceed $500,000.

7. Contract for Big Data Predictive Analytic Services

Moved for approval of Resolution 210003 stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to award a three-year contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc., for big data predictive analytic services in an amount not to exceed $897,865.


Moved for approval of Resolution 210004 stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to increase the contract value for design-build services with Archer Western Herzog 4.0, Joint Venture, for the Silver Line Regional Rail Project to include:

Section 1: Increasing the contract value for integral sound-absorbing material in wall on the track side of sound walls in the amount of $2,985,496, funded from the debt savings in the financial plan, increasing the total authorized not-to-exceed amount by $2,985,496; and
Section 2: Increasing the contract value for design-build services with Archer Western Herzog 4.0, Joint Venture, for the Silver Line Regional Rail Project to include signal preview system elements to mitigate operator sightline obstructions from sound walls and betterment walls in the amount of $1,259,976, funded from debt savings in the financial plan, increasing the total authorized not-to-exceed amount by $1,259,976.

Mr. Killen seconded.

Chair Wageman took a Roll Call vote and the Consent Items were approved unanimously with Mr. Slagel not responding.

Individual Items:
Chair Wageman recused himself at 7:46 p.m. delegating the presiding officer’s responsibilities to Vice-Chair Wong Krause.

9. Approval of a Contract Modification with Uber Technologies, Inc. for On-Demand Transportation Service for the Joppa Neighborhood in Southern Dallas

Mr. Schlosser moved for approval of Resolution 210005 stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized execute a contract modification with Uber Technologies, Inc., to increase the contract value by $408,160, to incorporate service to the Joppa neighborhood in Southern Dallas, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed $2,037,295.

Mr. Killen seconded.

Vice-Chair Wong Krause took a Roll Call vote and the item was approved unanimously.

Chair Wageman rejoined the meeting at 7:48 p.m., and resumed the presiding officer’s responsibilities.

10. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole only.
11. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole only.
12. Approval of a Limited Waiver of DART Personnel Policy and Non-Disclosure Agreement For Timothy McKay

Mr. Slagel moved for approval of Resolution 210006, by a two-thirds vote of the appointed and qualified members, that:

Section 1: The prohibition in Section 7.3 of DART's Administrative Employment Manual is hereby waived with respect to Timothy McKay.

Section 2: The President/Executive Director or his designee, subject to legal review, is authorized to execute a Non-Disclosure Agreement between DART and Timothy McKay, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution.

Mr. Schlosser seconded.

Chair Wageman took a Roll Call vote and the item was approved unanimously.

13. This item will be discussed in Committee-of-the-Whole only.
Other Items:

14. Public Comments
   There were no additional Public Comments received via email.

15. This item will be discussed in Committee-of-the-Whole only.

16. Adjournment:
   There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Josefina Chavira, CAP
Board Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item
* Briefing Item