

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
March 13, 2018**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6:33 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Bauman presiding.

City of Dallas

Sue S. Bauman – **Chair**
Ray Jackson
Patrick J. Kennedy
Jon-Bertrell Killen
Michele Wong Krause – **Secretary**
Amanda Moreno
Dominique P. Torres

City of Garland

Jonathan R. Kelly – **Assistant Secretary**

City of Irving

Rick Stopfer

City of Plano

Paul N. Wageman – **Vice-Chair**

City of Cockrell Hill and Dallas

Catherine S. Cuellar

Cities of Carrollton and Irving

Tim Hayden

Cities of Farmers Branch and Plano

Faye Moses Wilkins

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. Ray Jackson, Mr. Mark Enoch, Ms. Amanda Moreno, and Ms. Dominique P. Torres were absent.

General Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** February 27, 2018

Mr. Slagel moved to approve the February 27, 2018, Board of Directors' meeting Minutes, and entered into record, as written.

Mr. Stopfer seconded and the item was approved unanimously.

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

3. **Public Comments**

Chair Bauman 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 with the Office of Board Support).

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mr. Ray Gray with his service dog, Cujo; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Gray, a veteran, recommended DART provide a simple identification card for service dogs to show to DART bus/rail operators when riding the system, which is a service that is currently not offered.

Chair Bauman thanked Mr. Gray, then stated Mr. Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director, felt this was an excellent idea and would discuss with staff.

Ms. Millie Gomoll; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Gomol spoke in reference to Mobility Management operators not being able to find the individual addresses provided for their apartment complex. She recommended creating a map to be provided to the operators.

Chair Bauman referred Ms. Gomoll to Mr. Doug Douglas, Vice President of Mobility Management.

Ms. Megan McGowan; Dallas, TX:

Ms. McGowan voiced concern regarding the difficulty of Bus Route #467 passing through narrow roads where it has been detoured. She stated when she called the dispatch center to report these issues, she was met with a lack of concern. Ms. McGowan also voiced other concerns with Bus Route #467.

Chair Bauman referred Ms. McGowan to Mr. Harold Humphrey, Assistant Vice President of Bus Operations.

Mr. DeBoss Christian; DART Employee:

Mr. Christian voiced concern regarding various employee issues.

Ms. Robyn Kirk; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Kirk spoke in regards to increasing ridership of DART.

Mr. Stephenie Shiver; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Smith voiced his opposition to the recent fare increase.

Consent Items:

Mr. Wageman moved for approval of Agenda Items 4 and 5.

Budget & Finance:

4. Call for Public Hearing and Approval of Submission of Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Applications

Moved for approval of Resolution 180021, stating:

Section 1: A public hearing is called on April 16, 2018, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. in the DART Board Room to solicit public comments on the projects for the FY 2018 Grant Applications.

Section 2: The President/Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute and file applications for Federal assistance on behalf of DART, with FTA for Federal Assistance authorized by 49 USC Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code; or other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the FTA.

Section 3: The President/Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute and file annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant agreement.

Section 4: The President/Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute the grant agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of DART.

5. Approval of Annual Disclosure Statement for the Period Ending September 30, 2017, and Dated March 13, 2018

Moved for approval of Resolution 180022, stating the President/Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to issue the Annual Disclosure Statement for the period ending September 30, 2017, and dated March 13, 2018, in substantially the form as shown in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

Ms. Moses Wilkins seconded and the items were approved unanimously.

Individual Items:

6. Approval of Contract for Legal Services

Mr. Wageman moved for approval of Resolution 180023, stating the Board Chair is authorized to execute a contract with the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP in an amount of \$160,000, with authority to expend up to \$40,000 for additional services on the same terms, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.

Ms. Wong Krause seconded and the item was approved unanimously.

7. This item will be discussed at Committee-of-the-Whole Only.

Other Items:

8. Public Comments

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mr. Dick J. Reavis; Dallas, TX:

Referring to his previous comments from the February 27, 2018, DART Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Reavis stated his issue had been resolved. Mr. Reavis then continued voicing his opposition to the recent fare increase and the action his group would be taking.

Mr. Destin Germany; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Germany voiced his opposition to the recent fare increase and requested the Board reconsider their vote.

Ms. Erika Smith; Dallas, TX:

Ms. Smith voiced her opposition to the recent fare increase, her concern regarding her safety on the DART system and the time consumed in traveling on the system.

Mr. Richard P. Sheridan; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Sheridan spoke in regards to senior citizen's possible free ridership on the DART system. He then provided statistics of other cities regarding senior citizen's ridership.

Ms. Gina McCain; DART Employee:

Ms. McCain spoke in reference to vehicles parking on the Field Street and Elm Street Bus Stop in Downtown Dallas. She voiced concern of the hazardous issues this creates for the passengers. She also reminded the Board that her previous concerns had not been addressed. Ms. McCain also voiced concerns regarding her new insurance.

Chair Bauman stated Mr. Thomas would contact her regarding her concerns.

Mr. Kenneth Day; DART Employee:

Mr. Day spoke in regards to employee rules and issues (handouts on file with the Office of Board Support). He also noted he has over 38 years of service with DART as an employee and has served as President and numerous officer positions with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) – Local Division 1338 since 1994, and he still does not have access to DART Headquarters, to enter into the upper floors. He requested assistance with this issue.

Ms. Sherlyn Samuel; DART Employee:

Ms. Samuel spoke in regards to various issues concerning DART employees and the recent fare increase.

Mr. James Harris; Dallas, TX:

Mr. Harris, DART Retiree, spoke in reference to a letter he provided to the Board (on file with the Office of Board Support) and voiced his concern, and need, of having a DART Retiree, as a representative, on the Defined Benefits Committee.

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

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Josefina Chavira, CAP
Board Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item

* Briefing Item