

**New Orleans Regional Transit Authority**

2817 Canal Street ∙ New Orleans, LA 70119

NO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING

**COMMISSION MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 10:00 AM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**: Chairman Flozell Daniels, Commissioner Laura Bryan Commissioner Fred Neal, Jr, Commissioner Walter Tillery Commissioner Arthur Walton and Commissioner Sharon Wegner

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**  Commissioner Mark Raymond and Commissioner Mostofa Sarwar

1. **Consideration: Approval of Minutes**

Deferred

1. **Consideration: RTA Chairman’s Report**

The RTA has a Grant for a Transit Hub.

1. **Consideration: Jefferson Parish Report**

No Report

1. **Consideration: RTA General Counsel’s Report**

Sundiata Haley stated that his report would be given in Executive Session.

1. **Consideration: RTA Chief Executive Officer’s Report**

No Report

1. **Consideration: DBE Report**

The DBE Report was found in the Board Binders.

1. **Consideration: Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA)**

Sam Buckley stated that the Stakeholders meeting would be held on tomorrow.

1. **Consideration: Finance Committee Chairman’s Report**

No Report

1. **Consideration: RTA CY2020 Operating and Capital Budget**

The CFO reported that he Calendar Year 2020 Budget for Operating Revenues was $107,299,007, Operating Expenses $109348,371, TMSEL Legacy Cost $2,520,000, Government Operating Assistance $15,475,530. Net Non-Operating Expenses & Debt Services $10,782,589, and Restricted Operating/Capital Reserves $123,577.

Commissioner Neal moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to adopt the **RTA CY2020 Operating and Capital Budget.** Resolution No. 19-089 was adopted unanimously.

1. **Consideration: Financial Statements**

* The CFO stated that the Passenger Revenue – Ridership for the month took a 23% hit due to service interruptions caused by the collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel and Passenger Fares slumped by 18% while Pass Sales dropped by 10.3%.
* The CFO stated that the Sales Tax – actual CNO collections received through September are $1.4 million or 2.5% over budget.
* The CFO stated that Services – Management Service Fees highlight this category of expenses coming in at 3.6% under budget. Primarily, this is the result of the August reconciliation of billed-to-actual management contract costs over the course of the previous contract period.
* The CFO stated that Materials and Supplies – In November, bio-diesel fuel prices averaged $1.95/gal., $0.35/gal. under projections for the month and $0.09/gal. under budget year-to date.

1. **Consideration: Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda Items. Resolution No. 19-090 was adopted unanimously.

1. **RTA Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt **RTA Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds.** Resolution No. 19-091 was adopted unanimously.

1. **RTA LINE OF CREDIT**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt the **RTA Line of Credit.** Resolution No. 19-092 was adopted unanimously.

1. **FTA Mobility for All Pilot Grant – Move East NOLA (Mobility On-Demand Vehicle Express)**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt the **FTA Mobility for All Pilot Grant – Move East NOLA (Mobility On-Demand Vehicle Express).** Resolution No. 19-093 was adopted unanimously.

1. **Considerations: Operations and Administration Committee Chairman’s Report**

No Report

1. **Riders Advisor Committee Liaison Report**

No Report

1. **Consideration: Official Journal**

Commissioner Wegner moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt the **Official Journal.** Resolution No. 19-094 was adopted unanimously.

1. **Consideration: Election of Officer**
2. **Chairperson**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to approve **Flozell Daniels as Chairman** of the RTA Board. Motion 19-104 was approved unanimously.

1. **Vice Chairperson**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Bryan seconded to approved **Mark Raymond as Vice Chairman** of the RTA Board. Motion 19-105 was approved unanimously.

1. **Committee Assignments**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mark Raymond, Chairman

Flozell Daniels

Fred Neal

Sharon Wegner

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mark Raymond, Committee Chairperson

Arthur Walton

Walter Tillery

Dr. Mostofa Sarwar

**OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Fred Neal, Committee Chairperson

Sharon Wegner

Laura Bryan

Walter Tillery

1. **Consideration: New Business**
2. Commissioner Tillery moved and Commissioner Wegner seconded to add **CEO’s Execution of the Ferry Charter Services Contract** to the agenda**.** Verbal Motion 19-106 was approved unanimously.
3. **Award:**

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to adopt the **CEO’s Execution of the Ferry Charter Services Contract.** Resolution No. 19-095 was adopted unanimously.

1. **Consideration: Audience Questions and Comments**

Allen Drake spoke at voice his concerns at this meeting.

1. **Consideration: Executive Session (2/3 Rds Vote to Consider)**

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Tillery seconded to go into Executive Session on the matter of

* **Regional Transit Authority v. Marina Kahn, et al Civil District Court No.: 99-11874 Div. “F-7”.**

Verbal Motion 19-107 was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Raymond seconded to come out of Executive Session. Verbal Motion No. 19-108 was approved unanimously.

1. **Consideration: Adjournment**

Commissioner Wegner moved and Commissioner Raymond seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting of December 17, 2019. Verbal Motion No. 19-109 was approved unanimously**.**