



CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

4:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President deGeneres. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was held.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dr. Peter Breaux	Member	Absent
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Present
Melissa deGeneres	President	Present
Patrick Downs	Secretary	Present
Johnathan Hill	Member	Present
Linda Perkins	Member	Present
Antoinette Pierre	Vice-President	Present
Frederick Thomas	Member	Present
John Vukovics	Treasurer	Absent

2. Public Comment

Comments provided by Jerome Booker

3. Approval of the August 22, 2023, Monthly Board Minutes & August 29, 2023, Special Board– Ms. Melissa deGeneres

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Pierre

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downs, Vukovics

4. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Melissa deGeneres

President deGeneres noted in the packets are documents related to board composition. In addition, the LPTA conference is at the end of October and to notify Theo if anyone would like to attend. Also, a PowerPoint was provided on BRT oversight.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Executive Report by CATS Executive Staff was presented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANY ACTION THEREON

1. Finance and Executive: Ms. DeGeneres
 - Ms. DeGeneres noted the minutes are in the packet.
2. Technical, Policies and Practices: Dr. Peter Breaux
 - Dr. Breaux noted the minutes are in the packet.
3. Audit: Mr. John Vukovics (no meeting held)
 - a. P&N Presented the 2022 Audit Report
4. Planning: Mr. Patrick Downs.
 - Mr. Downs noted the minutes are in the packet.
5. Community Relations: Ms. Linda Perkins
 - Ms. Perkins noted the minutes are in the packet.
6. CEO Search Committee
 - Mr. Hill noted the committee did are in the packet.

7. Action Items

APPROVAL - Consideration and approval of the CATS Transit Asset Management Plan

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Pierre

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downs, Vukovics

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the P&N Audit Services Contract Extension \$20,000

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Pierre

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre,

NAYS: Coleman, Thomas

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downs, Vukovics, Hill

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the Robert Half Temporary Financial Consulting Services \$135,000

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Pierre

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

OVAL

APPROVAL – Enter Executive Session 6:04 pm

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Pierre
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

APPROVAL – Exit Executive Session 6:21 pm

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Perkins
SECONDER: Coleman
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

APPROVAL – Authorizing settlement in the ongoing workers’ compensation claim of Tongie Morrison arising from a bus accident on November 8, 2021 (this claim is not in litigation). There is a corresponding tort suit entitled: “Tongie Morrison vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and Taylor Herbert” Suit number C-724049 on the docket of the 19th JDC c. Authorizing settlement in the matter entitled "Samuel Blum, Et al v. Terez Kashun Wicker and CATS " Suit number C-708268 on the docket of the 19th JDC

RESULT: ACCEPTED \$32,500.00
MOVER: deGeneres

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MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Coleman
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

APPROVAL – Authorizing settlement in the matter entitled "Samuel Blum, Et al v. Terez Kashun Wicker and CATS " Suit number C-708268 on the docket of the 19th JDC

APPROVAL – To extend the September Board Meeting time.

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the BRPD Off Duty Security Detail

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

Contract - \$91,500.00

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the LUBA Workers Compensation Insurance - \$710,102.00

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Pierre

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, DeGeneres, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Downs, Hill, Vukovics

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The Safety manager will provide a breakdown of the annual safety budget and compare it with our peer agencies.

Adjournment

Perkins/deGerenes