



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

10:00 AM

RTA Board Room

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) hereby declares that, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 (A)(2)(a)-(c), a meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Meetings start at the scheduled time, but may be delayed until a quorum of the Commissioners is present. The agency's website will stream the in-person meeting live, and wearing masks in the boardroom is optional.

Written comments on any matter included on the agenda will be accepted in the following ways: 1) Submission of a Speaker Card on meeting day; 2) Electronically by email sent to: rtaboard@rtaforward.org prior to the meeting; or 3) By U.S. Mail send to 2817 Canal Street, Attention: Office of Board Affairs, New Orleans, LA 70119.

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1. Call to Order

Present: Chairperson Fred Neal, Vice-Chairman Art Walton, Commissioner Flozell Daniels, Commissioner Louis Colin, and Commissioner Mariah Moore

Absent: Commissioner Mitchell Guidry, and Commissioner Timolyn Sams

2. Roll Call

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Sams and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairperson Neal, Vice-Chairman Walton, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Sams

Absent: Commissioner Guidry

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4. Informational Reports

A. RTA Chairman's Report

No Audio

B. Operations & Administration Committee Chairman's Report

No Audio

C. Finance Committee Chairman's Report

No Audio

D. RTA General Counsel's Report

No Audio

E. RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report

No Audio for the Beginning of this report

Report Highlights - CEO:

Employees of the Month for August were recognized.

Two Decades of Transformation

The CEO presented The Evolution of the RTA from 2005 to 2025. Commissioner Daniels stated that staff need to make the public aware when buses are not readily available. Commissioner Moore stated that the RTA was a large part of the community before Hurricane Katrina and played a big part of helping people evacuate the City of New Orleans. The CEO stated that the Marketing Department Produced a Documentary on Hurricane Katrina

New Director of Communications

Tara Letort is the new Director of Communications

Intergovernmental Affairs

There are 2 bills that deal with Transportation one in the House and one in the Senate. The House Bill Cuts Money for Transportation and the Senate Bill Increases Money for Transportation.

The CEO stated that she rode the Inaugural Run of the Amtrak "Mardi Gras" Train and she was also going to participate in the City-Wide Katrina 20 Events.

F. Chief Transit Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Transit Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

G. RTA Chief Financial Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Financial Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

Report Highlights -Finance:

FTA

The RTA was waiting for the grant associated with the Low - No Buses to be obligated so they may have to be a pause in the project if the money does not come through on time.

BUDGET

The staff was looking into the inefficiencies of the agency and trying to rectify those areas. The RTA has not seen any lag time in reimbursement of monies from the FTA. There are going to be more aggressive attacks on transportation by the Federal Government. The RTA need to start looking into the 2025-2026 budget more in depth. The RTA can pull back on some of the Capital Improvements Projects if the budget gets too tight. Staff needs to be very transparent when it comes to the community and the RTA's budget.

[June Financials]

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5. Consent Agenda

LabMar Ferry Contract Extension

[25-081](#)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to adopt the LabMar Ferry Contract Extension. Resolution No. 25-048 was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-048

All Stations Accessibility Program - St. Charles Avenue Streetcar

[25-085](#)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the All-Stations Accessibility Program - St. Charles Avenue Streetcar. Resolution No. 25-049 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-049

6. Authorizations

TMSEL Board of Trustees Appointment - Norman White

[25-108](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to Appoint Norman White to the TMSEL Board of Trustees. Resolution 25-050 was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-050

7. New Business (UNANIMOUS VOTE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER)

None

8. Audience Questions and Comments

Brenda Holmes stated that she currently rides the LIFT, and the staff was very friendly but her main concern is the reservations for pickups she only had 15 minutes to attend church before her ride was outside for her pickup, she was still in church and marked as a No-Show. She decided to ride fixed route back home, and as was on the bus she saw the LIFT heading toward church to pick her up. Staff need to work on the scheduling of rides.

9. Executive Session (2/3RDS VOTE TO Consider)

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to go into Executive Session regarding

Ray Gorgoglione

Passion Tenner v. RTA, Transdev Services, Inc., et al, CDC No: 19-11-56, Division I-14
Personnel Matter

The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Ryan Gorgoglione

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Moore seconded to approve the recommendation of General Counsel. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Passion Tenner v. Regional Transit Authority, Transdev Services, Inc., et al.
CDC No.: 19-11056, Division I-14

Commissioner Moore moved and Commissioner Sams seconded to approve the recommendation of General Counsel. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Personnel Matter

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Moore seconded to approved the

recommendation of General Counsel. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore moved and Commissioner Sams seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting of August 26, 2025. The motion was moved unanimously.

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