



2817 Canal Street
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New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Operations & Administration Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00 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 Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Please be advised that mask wearing is encouraged inside the boardroom.

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.

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

No Audio

Commissioner Present: Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Ewell, Commissioner DeFrancesch and Commissioner Sams

Other Commissioners Present: Commissioner Coulon, Commissioner LeBeouf and Commissioner Raymond

This was approved.

Present

Commissioner Maria DeFrancesch, Chairperson Fred Neal, and Commissioner Joseph Ewell

Absent

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

[Operations Committee Meeting July 13, 2023]

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Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner DeFrancesch seconded to approve the Operations Committee Meeting - July 13, 2023. The motion was

approved unanimously.

This minutes was adopted.

4. Committee Chairman's Report

No Audio

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

No Audio

6. Chief Transit Officer's Report

Christopher Clark presented the RTA's Chief Transit Officer's Report. This report can be found in the Chief Transit Officer's PowerPoint Report dated August 10, 2023. Commissioner Neal commented that he likes the new version of the Chief Transit Officer's Report.

The CEO commented that On-Time Performance (OTP) between May and June was due to better route management by the supervisors and making the schedules more realistic so that the operators can adhere to the schedules.

Commissioner Neal requested data regarding the summer ridership and he also stated that he would like staff to start tracking summer ridership versus fall ridership.

Commissioner LeBeouf inquired about the low OTP on Hayne, and Christopher Clark reported that the OPT on the route is impacted by the Seabrook Bridge being repaired and that route has to take on detours.

Christopher Clark concluded by stating that the riders should call Ride Line to report service issues, and the RAC Meetings is a way that the Operations Department communicates with the public regarding riders concerns.

7. Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report

Ryan Moser presented the RTA's Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report. This report can be found in the Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report dated, August 10, 2023.

Mr. Moser reported that Preventative Maintenance is usually done on 2-3 buses a day so the 50 buses that was down was something separately. He also reported that currently for fixed route the RTA uses 4 different vendors for repairs and the turnaround time from the vendors depends on the type of repairs being done and some repairs are starting to stall due to the vendors lack of professional employees.

8. Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report

Mike Smith presented the Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report. This report can be found in the Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report dated, August 10, 2023.

Commissioner Ewell, requested that data of crime stats be provided from last year to this year. In response to question from Commissioner LeBeouf, Mike Smith reported that staff has a formula that determines Non-Preventative Accidents versus Preventable Accidents. Commissioner LeBeouf stated that since she has been on the Board, accidents are rising and she wants to make sure everything possible is being done to help the operators when they are involved in an accident.

9. Authorizations

Strategic Mobility Plan - 2023 Update #1

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Dwight Norton presented the Strategic Mobility Plan - 2023 Update 1 Report. This report can be found in the Strategic Mobility Plan dated August 10, 2023.

Commissioner Neal asked that Dwight Norton to present this presentation to the Operations and Administration Committee Meeting along with an abbreviated Scheduling and Planning Report.

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner DeFrancesch seconded to approve the Strategic Mobility Plan - 2023 Update #1. The motion was approved unanimously.

This Resolution was referred to the Board's Consent Agenda.

10. Audience Questions & Comments

Jim Goodwin - Is Ferry Funding going to be discussed at the next Operations Meeting - The Fleet Data Slide - Does not show the total fleet size - All the Algiers Routes exceed its On-Time Performance but the Algiers Owl - Why would this route has issues with being on time - The OSHA Reportable - Loss Time was not included in the report.

Commissioner Raymond stated that he appreciates all public support for the Ferry.

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner DeFrancesch seconded to adjourn the Operations and Administration Committee Meeting for August 10, 2023. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

[08.10.23 Ops Meeting Presentation]

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