



2817 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

## **New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Operations & Administration Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**RTA Board Room**

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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, December 11, 2025 at 9:00 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.

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### **1. Call To Order**

### **2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Guidry and Commissioner Sams

**Commissioner Absent:** Commissioner Daniels

**Present** Commissioner Mitchell Guidry, and Chairperson Timolyn Sams

**Absent** Commissioner Flozell Daniels

### **3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Guidry moved and Commissioner Sams seconded to approve the O&A Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**Aye:** Commissioner Guidry, and Chairperson Sams

**Absent:** Commissioner Daniels

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#### **4. Committee Chairman's Report**

Commissioner Sams stated that Transit is the Lifeline of the City of New Orleans and she applauded the staff and those who serve on the front line and the Committees job was to understand the resource gaps.

#### **5. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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

##### **News Stories**

Various Publications did stories on the groundbreaking of the Algiers Terminal and the Bus Rapid Transit Project.

##### **Battery Electric Charger**

Work has begun on the Pilot Battery Electric Charger Program at the Canal Street Facility.

##### **Conversion of ADA Streetcar**

Riverfront Streetcar #458 was put into service during the month of December. This streetcar was converted to an ADA Streetcar. Staff will bring to the Board at the January Meeting an award to purchase new software for Paratransit.

Commissioner Guidry stated that he has been receiving calls related to Paratransit Service. The clients need to be made aware that Paratransit can only serve residents within three-quarters of a mile from the RTA's current bus stop. The CEO stated that if the RTA operates outside the three-quarter of a mile rule the rider would have to pay a premium fare.

#### **6. Chief Transit Officer's Report**

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

In response to Commissioner Sams' question about the ridership data, the Chief Transit Officer stated that the data from the Bus Bridge is not always accurate because the data is converted. When a passenger needs to use the Lift on the streetcars this process slows the streetcars down. The CEO added, that staff is purging the data for Paratransit riders.

#### **7. Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report**

The monthly Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

The spare ratio for fixed routes is 20% and the streetcar spare ratio is higher. There are different factors that account for spare ratio. Today regarding pullouts there was only one extra bus in the yard but on average 81 buses are needed and with a total of 86 buses available.

## **8. Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report**

The monthly Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

The Chief Safety/Security Officer stated that all derailments are investigated, and he can't comment on an accident until the investigations are completed. All derailments are reported immediately to the State. The RTA has not had any major injuries associated with derailments and that the agency has hired a Third Party Consultants to ensure that the tracks are safe.

## **9. Authorizations**

Advertising Content Policy (COM 2) Amendment #1

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Commissioner Neil stated that the RTA does not endorse any candidate.

Commissioner Guidry moved and Commissioner Sams seconded to approve the Advertising Content Policy (COM 2) Amendment #1. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**Aye:** Commissioner Guidry, and Chairperson Sams

**Absent:** Commissioner Daniels  
Enactment No: 25-075

## **10. Update: A Post-Launch Assessment of the Network Redesign**

[New Links Implementation 3 Year Review PowerPoint]

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The New Links Implementation 3 Year Review Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

The service was divided to serve the communities that needed it the most.

Dwight Norton stated that a consultant will be brought on to assist with the community surveys to get meaningful responses. The CEO stated that staff were soliciting a Community Outreach Team.

The actual ridership numbers for fixed route comes from the Automatic Passenger Counters but the farebox data is used for Streetcars. The Cutoff in Algiers now has second routes that service downtown and other areas around the City will also get a closer regarding extra service. East New Orleans needs a third route serving downtown.

Commissioner Neal stated that now different departments within the agency work together to get the service out to the riding public.

Commissioner Neal asked for a Route-by-Route Analysis.

The RTA will have a very diverse fleet.

## 11. New Business

None

## 12. Audience Questions & Comments

Jim Goodwin - Algiers Point - was glad to see the overwhelming support for the Algiers Terminal and would like to receive updates on the project.

Valerie Jefferson - NAACP NOLA - Read a letter into the record which can be found in the file.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guidry, seconded by Chairperson Sams and adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Commissioner Guidry, and Chairperson Sams

**Absent:** Commissioner Daniels

## 13. Adjournment

Commissioner Guidry moved and Commissioner Sams seconded to adjourn the O&A Meeting of December 11, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

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