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RESOLUTION NO. 22-046
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TO EXECUTE A FOUR-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 1560**

Introduced by Commissioner Walto seconded by Commissioner Ewell.

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (THE "RTA") was created by the Regional Transit Act of 1979 as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the RTA pursuant to the Transfer Agreement executed June 28, 1983 by and among the City of New Orleans, New Orleans Public Service, Inc. (NOPSI) and the Regional Transit Authority, the RTA purchased all transit-related movable and immovable assets from NOPSI; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is enabling legislation mandated who the RTA could employ and provided for the RTA contract with a transit management firm to provide the operators, mechanics and support personnel to operate the transit system on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the RTA commenced operations of the transit system July 1, 1983; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 1983 to December 19, 2020 the RTA contracted with various transit management companies to provide operators, mechanics and support personnel to operate the transit system on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the various transit management companies had labor agreements with ATU Local 1560; and

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WHEREAS, the last such labor agreement with ATU 1560, which the RTA assumed at 3:00 am December 20, 2020, expired June 30, 2021 for both fixed route, paratransit and support personnel; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's enabling legislation was amended to allow the RTA to directly employ all employees necessary to operate the transit system; and

WHEREAS, RTA and ATU Local 1560 agreed to utilized Interest Based Bargaining process facilitated by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; and

WHEREAS, both RTA and ATU Local 1560 agreed to honor the terms of the expiring June 30, 2021 contract until a new contract was successfully negotiated; and

WHEREAS, both RTA and ATU Local 1560 agreed to merge the two-expiring contracts, fixed route and paratransit, into one single contract; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022 RTA and ATU Local 1560 reached a tentative agreement on a new four-year contract (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025) covering both economic and non-economic matters; and

WHEREAS, ATU International has approved the tentative agreement reached by RTA and ATU Local 1560 on May 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022 the membership of ATU Local 1560 ratified the tentative agreement reached by RTA and ATU Local 1560 on May 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, ATU Local 1560 is represented by its duly elected President and Business agent Kory Dupree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority that RTA Chief Executive Officer, is authorized to execute the four-year (July 1, 2021-June 20, 2025) contract by and between the RTA an ATU Local 1560 inclusive of the provisions of the May 5, 2022 tentative agreement.

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**THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE
ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

YEAS:	7
NAYS:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	1

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 28th DAY OF JUNE 2022.



**FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**