



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025

11:00 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, April 10, 2025 at 11:00 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

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Colin and Commissioner Walton

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Moore

Commissioner Also Present: Commissioner Guidry and Commissioner Neal

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes (from March 13, 2025)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

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[25-047](#)

Enactment No: N/A

4. Committee Chairman's Report

Commissioner Walton stated that the riders' experience for the public is the most important and the RTA objective is to make this better every day.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

The CEO spoke at a close session at the APTA Mobility Conference regarding the lessons learned regarding the Super Bowl and the terrorist attack that took place in New Orleans.

6. Chief Financial Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Financial Officer's Report was presented by the CFO. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Report.

Commissioner Guidry asked staff the following questions:

How much was the budgeted amount for ATU and IBEW salaries?

How many positions are vacant and what are the salary and benefits for vacant positions?

What is the budget for the HR Chief and what has the agency saved?

Are the budget totals that are reported in the Financial Reports for each month, are they estimates or actual?

Look at travel for the last 2 years, how much was spent?

Does the budget include increases for ULU?

7. DBE Report

The monthly DBE Report was presented. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Report.

8. Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report was presented. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Report.

It was stated that the solicitation for the Algiers terminal building will go out this month or early next month and solicitation for the barges will happen during the month of June and this can affect the start date.

Tod Walton and Cynthia Gibson -Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) is the RTA's partner on the Zero Emission Fleet and gave a report on this project. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Report.

The CEO stated that the training process was negotiated with the IBEW Union Contract, and the RTA has also started a training process with Delgado. This is CTE first time dealing with Louisiana and currently CTE has 140 current projects with different transit agencies. CTE stated that training needs to take place before the new buses arrive. The CEO further stated that CTE is also looking into the RTA's pilot program with the Zero Emission Fleet Infrastructure. CTE stated that there will be a Fleet Management System that would monitor each bus. CTE stated that the Body and chassis are the same of the regular vehicles and the life of each bus is 12 years, and the RTA can purchase a warranty with each bus.

Commissioner Colin thanked the presenters and stated that communication is very important with the implementation of this new bus system.

9. Procurements

A. Authorizations:

Pest Control Services

[25-033](#)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Pest Control Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

referred to Consent Agenda

Enactment No: 25-023

FY 2025 Trapeze Software Support

[25-040](#)

The CEO stated that SWIFTY and CLEVER help manage the service Trapeze helps plan and schedule the service, and she is not sure that one solution will solve all the RTA's services.

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the 2025 Trapeze Software Support. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Enactment No: 25-024

Carrollton Wheel Press Upgrade

[25-042](#)

Ronald Baptiste stated that only the manufacturer can upgrade this equipment, because it does not exist anymore.

The repairs/upgrades will consist of a Complete Electrical Upgrade for COMAC Wheel Press Serial No. 221407 including New Main Control Panel complete with up-to-date electrical components, New PLC Control System, New Wheel and Bearing Chart Recorder System with Bar Code Readers and Color Printer, 15 inch wide-view Operator Interface HMI Touchscreen mounted in New Pedestal, installation of modern up-to-date

Electronic Proportional Hydraulic control valves, Installation of New Digital Pressure Switches and Analog Transducers. Replacement of all original Hydraulic lines, replacement of Main Ram Chevron Packings, and replacement of Hydraulic Reservoir oil.

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Carrollton Wheel Press Upgrade. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Enactment No: 25-025

B. Ratifications:

Authorize to ratify contract award to Ron Turley Fleet Management System

[25-041](#)

Ronald Baptiste stated that the total contract was \$194,000 for a total of 3 years and if the value exceeds \$100,000 the contract will come back before the Board.

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Ratification of the contract award to Ron Turley Fleet Management System. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Enactment No: 25-026

10. New Business

None

11. Audience Questions & Comments

None.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of April 10, 2025. The motion was adjourned unanimously.

adjourned

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