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New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 8, 2026

11:00 AM

RTA Board Room

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Board of Commissioners will hold an in-person public meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 11:00 am. The meeting will begin at the scheduled time but may be delayed until a quorum is present and will be live streamed on the RTA website; masks are optional. Written public comments on agenda items may be submitted by 1) completing a speaker card on the day of the meeting; 2) email to rtaboard@rtaforward.org prior to the meeting; 3) U.S. mail to RTA, Office of Board Affairs, 2817 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119. This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities, and accommodation requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance by contacting the Office of Board Affairs at 504-827-8341 or rtaboard@rtaforward.org.

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Colin and Commissioner Walton

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Moore

Commissioner Also Present: Commissioner Guidry

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

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[26-005](#)

4. Committee Chairman's Report

Commissioner Walton thanked the Finance Team for doing a great job with the 2026 Budget.

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 Finance Committee Meeting.

Algiers Service Improvement

A Community Meeting will be held on January 24, 2026, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Algiers Regional Library and the residents in the Cut-Off in Algiers are aware of this community meeting.

New Electric Buses

The New Electric Buses has arrived, and they are in the bus bays in the Maintenance Facility.

Automatic Tamping Machine

This new Tamping Machine is housed at Carrollton Station and will make the realigning of the tracks much easier for the maintenance crew. Staff is working on modernizing as many tools as possible.

Disruption Communication Plan

This Plan was given at the Operations and Administrative Meeting.

6. Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

The KPI's shows all the information regarding Farebox Recovery. Historically the Farebox Recovery has been between 20-30%.

The 2024 Audit Balance Sheets show the monies being spent on Capital Improvements Projects

7. DBE Report

The monthly DEB Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Committee Meeting.

The DBE training was published monthly and held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Marketing Department advertises these training courses on the RTA website.

8. Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Committee Meeting.

Staff has received bids on The Downtown Transit Center and the Major Hubs Projects.

The Downtown Center will be located on Canal and Basin and give passengers the amenities

that they deserve as transit riders. The riders need to be kept informed on how these projects will make the riders experience much better.

The quality of the rider's experience is something that the riders can express to the public and this would be very beneficial to the agency.

9. Items Requiring Committee Action

Contract Award for Paratransit Software Services

[25-165](#)

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to remove this item from the Consent Agenda and placed this item on the Board Agenda as a regular Procurement Item for award so that the entire Board can have an input. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-006

Extension of CEA for Janitorial Services

[25-175](#)

This is a 3-year extension to the original contract and included in the contract is an annual allowance for certain maintenance that is not included in the contract. All the RTA contracts have a clause that states "Termination Due to Cause".

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to approve the Extension of the CEA for Janitorial Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-002

10. New Business

None.

11. Audience Questions & Comments

Jim Goodwin stated that there is a bus shelter in Algiers Point on the corner of Opelousas and Verret Street that is not being used and should be moved to service passengers at another location.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of January 8, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

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[26-013](#)