



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 13, 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, February 13, 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, Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Walton

Commissioner Also Present: Commissioners Sams

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes (January 9, 2025)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Committee Chairman's Report

No Report.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Executive Officer's Report was given. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Meeting.

It was reported that the RTA Lead Group was giving their presentations on February 18, 2025, on problems that they have identified in the agency and solutions to solve these problems. If the Commissioners are not able to attend a video of the presentation can be emailed.

Staff has hired a consultant to help with the recruitment of a Chief of Human Resources Officer. This process should take a total of 90 days. This job will be advertised in all the major trade outlets and staff will make sure that the Board receives a copy of the job description.

The RTA was closing the gap in ridership from the pre COVID numbers.

The process for the Triennial Review has started and this is the second Triennial Review since the RTA became public. The Triennial Review will take place in the summer of 2025.

The RTA was signing the contract with ULU Union. This union is for a select number of administration employees.

6. Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

It was reported that ridership was down by 4.5%, which was less than a half million riders but this does not affect the farebox recovery rate as much as the operating expenses does.

Commissioner Colin asked the team to put an asterisk by the month's payroll is three times a month.

The Youth Fare Program numbers will be reconciled in the budget under Passenger Fares. Commissioner Walton stated that at the end of the Program he would like to use the numbers as a metric. The CEO stated that Ride and the Public Library were responsible for registering the youth for the program and the RTA responsibility was Marketing the program.

Regarding invoices the CFO reported that currently the RTA pays net of 30 and does not have any outstanding invoices.

7. DBE Report

The monthly DBE Report was given. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Meeting.

Commissioner Daniels stated that the RTA has been consistent with Federal Law and he does not think the RTA has to shift how it achieves the excellence in DBE.

8. Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report

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

Commissioner Daniels stated that if any changes occur with the funding for the Capital Projects, please let the Board know as soon as staff become aware.

Commissioner Colin asked that staff create a one-page report for the public outlining the RTA's accomplishments using Federal Funding. The CEO stated the RTA can share the Annual Report with the public that has this information.

The CEO reported that for every \$1.00 spent on a Capital Project it is a \$5.00 return economically.

9. Authorization

Authorization Resolution to file applications with the Federal
Transit Administration

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Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Colon seconded to approve the Authorization to file Applications with the Federal Transit Administration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-012

10. New Business

None.

11. Audience Questions & Comments

None.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of February 13, 2025. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

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