



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

Thursday, January 9, 2025

12:30 PM

RTA Board Room

SPECIAL MEETING

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, January 9, 2025 at 12:30 p.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

3. Executive Session (2/3RDS VOTE TO CONSIDER)

Personnel Matter

4. Resolution for General Counsel Services

[Resolution-General Counsel Services]

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5. New Business (UNANIMOUS VOTE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER)

6. Audience Questions and Comments

7. Adjournment



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Board Report and Staff Summary

File #: 25-001

Board of Commissioners

[Resolution-General Counsel Services]



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RESOLUTION NO. _____

FILE ID NO. 25-001

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**GENERAL COUNSEL SERVICES TO THE
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded
by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, Sundiata Haley of the Haley Law Firm, LLC has served as General Counsel to the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority since February 2005;

WHEREAS, Resolution 15-002, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2015, authorized the execution of a contract with Sundiata Haley of the Haley Law Firm, LLC to serve as General Counsel;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to terminate legal services provided by Sundiata Haley of the Haley Law Firm, LLC;

WHEREAS, as a result of terminating the services of Sundiata Haley of the Haley Law Firm, LLC, the Board of Commissioners is in need of an emergency contract for General Counsel Services;

WHEREAS, Wright, Gray and Harris, LLC recently submitted a proposal in response to the RTA's Request for Proposals for Outside Counsel Legal Services;



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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been determined that the firm is qualified to provide legal services on behalf of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to enter into a six month emergency contract for General Counsel services with Wright, Gray and Harris, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$150,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority does hereby rescind Resolution 15-002, approve the termination of legal services provided by Sundiata Haley of the Haley Law Firm, LLC effective immediately and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an emergency contract with Wright, Gray and Harris, LLC for interim General Counsel services.

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

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

**FRED NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**