



Regional Transit Authority
2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119-6307

RESOLUTION NO. 23-046
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 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS
UNION LOCAL 1700-4**

Introduced by Commissioner Fred, seconded by Commissioner
Walton.

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 whom 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 on 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 IBEW Local 1700-4; and

WHEREAS, the last such labor agreement with IBEW 1700-4, which the RTA assumed at 3:00 a.m. December 20, 2020, is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023; 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 IBEW Local 1700-4 agreed to utilize Interest Based Bargaining process facilitated by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2023, RTA and IBEW 1700-4 reached a tentative agreement on a new four-year contract (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027) covering both economic and non-economic matters; and

WHEREAS, IBEW International has approved the tentative agreement reached by RTA and IBEW Local 1700-4 on June 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2023, the membership of IBEW 1700-4 ratified the tentative agreement reached by RTA and IBEW 1700-4 on June 15, 2023, covering approximately 167 budgeted positions (CY2023); and

WHEREAS, IBEW 1700-4 is represented by its duly elected President and Business agent Darius Hollins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority that RTA's Chief Executive Officer, is authorized to execute the four-year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027) contract by and between the RTA and IBEW 1700-4 inclusive of the provisions of the June 15, 2023, tentative agreement.

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

YEAS:	<u>8</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 27th DAY OF JUNE 2023.



MARK RAYMOND, JR.
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS