



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2024

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, June 13, 2024 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 Walton, Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Hurley

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Cisco

Other Commissioners Present: Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Raymond

Commissioner Daniels left the meeting after agenda item 24-017.

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

[Finance Committee Meeting - October 17, 2023]

[23-186](#)

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Daniels seconded to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Committee Chairman's Report

No Report.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Lona Hankins reported that there are a couple of reports on the agenda that the Board has requested from staff.

6. Chief Financial Officer's Report

Gizelle Banks presented the Chief Financial Officer's Report. This report can be found in the Finance Committee PowerPoint dated June 13, 2024.

Commissioner Raymond asks that a report be given regarding the RTA's Debt be presented at the next Board Meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Daniels, Lona Hankins reported that the RTA was \$300,000 short on State Operations Funds for the Chalmette Ferry and \$6.9 short on the Algiers Ferry. Senator Carter was able to get the RTA \$150,000 for Chalmette Ferry and currently conversations were taking place with the City of New Orleans and the New Orleans City Council regarding funding for the Algiers Ferry. Senator Cater did create a team to study how a permit funding stream could be developed for both of the vessels.

Commissioner Daniels asked that staff create a report showing the scenarios on what may happen if the RTA does not receive the necessary funding for the vessels and what would be RTA's options.

Commissioner Daniels also asked if there was an industry standard regarding maintenance on the buses, streetcars and ferries.

Gizelle Banks presented the Cash Reserve Policy and Investment policy Update. This report can be found in the Financial Committee PowerPoint report dated June 13, 2024.

7. DBE Report

Adonis Expose' presented the DBE Report. This report can be found in the Financial Committee PowerPoint report dated June 13, 2024.

8. Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report

Dwight Norton presented the Chief Planning and Capital Project Report. This report can be found in the Financial Committee PowerPoint report dated June 13, 2024.

After this report the Board took up the Procurements Authorization.

9. 5-Year Capital Investment Program 2024-2028 Update

This was presented after the Procurement Items.

5-Year Capital Investment Program 2024-2028

[23-216](#)

Dwight Norton reported that this 5-Year Capital Investment Program 2024-2028 will be updated every year with the new budget cycle. This report was for information purposes only.

10. 2023 Risk Assessment and 2024 Audit Plan

Malon Thompson gave the 2023 Risk Assessment and 2024 Audit Plan. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Financial Committee dated June 13, 2024.

11. Procurements

A. Authorizations:

Paratransit Buses

[24-021](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Paratransit Buses. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

Enactment No: 24-028

Universal Accessibility Study

[24-024](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Universal Accessibility Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

Enactment No: 24-027

New Orleans East Bus Wash Repairs

[24-034](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the New Orleans East Bus Wash Replacement. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

Enactment No: 24-030

Canal Street Bus Wash Replacement

[24-035](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton moved to approve the Canal Street Bus Wash Replacement. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 24-031

CleverVision Replacement Pilot

[24-044](#)

In response to a question from Commissioner Daniels, Lona Hankins reported that staff is starting to utilize the full Clever System. She also stated that this procurement was for the replacement of the monitors and the system has had routine software updates.

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the CleverVision Replacement Pilot. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 24-032

ENO Air Compressors

[24-049](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the ENO Air Compressors. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 24-034

CY 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

[24-050](#)

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the CY 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

Enactment No: 24-035

B. Amendments:

FY 2024 ADP Annual Services

[24-017](#)

In response to a question from Commissioner Daniels, Ronald Baptiste reported that the IT Department has the necessary capability to maintain the new time clocks and the Accounting Department does not have any issues with the ADP System.

Commissioner Daniels moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the 2024 ADP Annual Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Daniels left the meeting after this Procurement Item.

approved

Enactment No: 24-026

12. Audience Questions & Comments

Valerie Jefferson - NAACP - She was inquiring about any Safety Grants that the RTA has received, and the RTA should have a Safety Committee that would include the ATU-1560. Lona Hankins replied by saying that the Union is made aware of all grants that the RTA apply for. There is a Transit Security Grant that the RTA was interested in applying for. Lona further mentioned that the Union can participate in all RTA's public meetings.

13. New Business

None.

14. Adjournment

With Commissioner Daniels leaving the meeting there was no quorum.

[Committee PowerPoint Presentation]

[24-058](#)