



2817 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

## **New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

**RTA Board Room**

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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, April 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Please be advised that mask wearing is encouraged inside the boardroom.

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](mailto: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.

### **1. Call To Order**

#### **2. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Walton, Commissioner Coulon, Commissioner Ewell and Commissioner Neal

**Present:** Art Walton, Fred Neal, Timothy Coulon and Joseph Ewell

**Absent:**

### **3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2023**

Commissioner Neal moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

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**[23-056](#)**

#### **4. Committee Chairman's Report**

No Report.

#### **5. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Lona Hankins reported that she had a meeting with Guy McInnis, St. Bernard President to discuss the service that the RTA was running in St. Bernard Parish and started a conversation about entering into a MOU between RTA and St. Bernard Parish.

Workforce Training: The RTA kicked-off the Lead Training in Management for staff has begun and the 9 week training is very diverse involving different classifications.

Bus Stop Signs: The vendor for the Bus Stop Signs will be sending 250 drafts for staff to review, and staff has agreed to print the signs by routes.

Women In Transit: Had its annual award ceremony, and the RTA received the Innovation Award for the New Links Project and she was awarded the Rosa Parks award. Commissioner Coulon stated that he would like to know in advance if possible, when the RTA was being honored with an award.

#### **6. Chief Financial Officer's Report**

Mark Major presented the RTA Financial Officer's Report. This report can be found in the Finance Committee PowerPoint Report dated, April 13, 2023, under the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

[February 2023 Financials]

[23-059](#)

#### **7. DBE Report**

Adonis Expose' presented the RTA's DBE Report. This report can be found in the Finance Committee PowerPoint Report dated, April 13, 2023, under the DBE Report.

#### **8. Infrastructure & Planning Report**

Dwight Norton presented the RTA's Infrastructure & Planning Report. This report can be found in the Finance Committee PowerPoint Report dated, April 13, 2023, under the Infrastructure & Planning Report. In response to a question from Commissioner Walton, Dwight Norton stated that the date to award the RAISE Grant was yet to be determined.

#### **9. Procurements**

##### **A. Authorizations:**

Trapeze Software Support

[23-035](#)

In response to Commissioner Walton, Dwight Norton reported that this software

does not directly tie into the Oracle Software.

In response to Commissioner Coulon, Dwight Norton reported that its the responsibility of staff to make sure that all of RTA's software work together

Lona Hankins stated that the Trapeze Software was the Routing Software and the TKD is the software that is used to pay the operators and will be upgraded into the Oracle Software.

In response to Commissioner Ewell, Lona Hankins stated that TKD will be working with the Oracle Software this year.

Commissioner Neal moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to approve the Trapeze Software Support. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-023

FY2021 Low-No Emissions Bus Program

[23-041](#)

In response to Commissioner Walton, Dwight Norton reported that the charging feature will with be universal.

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner Neal seconded to approve the FY2021 Low-No Emissions Bus Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ewell, seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-025

OpenGov Budget Software Procurement

[23-048](#)

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to approve the OpenGov Budget Software Procurement. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ewell, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-027

Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Program Development and Training

[23-049](#)

In response to Commissioner Coulon, Mike Smith stated that this was a Competitive Seal Bid.

Commissioner Coulon moved and Commissioner Neal seconded to approve the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Program Development and Training. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coulon, seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-028

**B. Amendments:**

RTA and The Kennedy Group Contract

[23-025](#)

In response to Commissioner Walton, Mark Major stated that currently when the employees on the Health Side reach age 65 they automatically go onto Medicare and there are only 32 employees remaining on the Health Side and the Life Side the numbers are higher.

Commissioner Neal stated that a year from now this item should be brought back to the Board for review.

Commissioner Neal moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to approve the RTA and The Kennedy Group Contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Enactment No: 23-031

Oracle Cloud SaaS Subscription

[23-044](#)

In response to Commissioner Ewell, Dwight Norton reported that the

subscription was \$392,000 and may increase over the years.

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner Neal seconded to approve the Oracle Cloud SaaS Subscription. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ewell, seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-026

Oracle ERP Cloud Implementation

[23-045](#)

In response to Commissioner Coulon, Dwight Norton reported that this contract was awarded on State Contract since 2022.

In response to Commissioner Coulon, Lona Hankins reported that originally staff got an off the shelf quote from a vendor that was much higher almost \$7 Million.

In response to Commissioner Coulon, Dwight Norton stated that this cost could be less than \$1.7Million and this contract is a not to exceed contract.

Commissioner Coulon moved and Commissioner Ewell seconded to approve the Oracle ERP Cloud Implementation. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coulon, seconded by Commissioner Ewell and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-032

## **C. Grants:**

FY23 Federal Appropriations Request (NOUPT)

[23-051](#)

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to approve the FY23 Federal Appropriations Request (NOUPT). The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ewell, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-029

FY24 Federal Appropriations Request

[23-053](#)

In response to Commissioner Walton, Katherine Felton reported that \$2 Million was to retrofit the streetcars.

Commissioner Coulon moved and Commissioner Neal seconded to approve the FY24 Federal Appropriations Request. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coulon, seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/25/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 23-030

## 10. Audience Questions & Comments

In response to a question from Commissioner Coulon, Lona Hankins reported that staff started communicating with DOTD and was working with the RTA's Lobbyist for this Legislative Session.

## 11. New Business

None.

## 12. Adjournment

Commissioner Ewell moved and Commissioner Coulon seconded to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of April 13, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ewell, seconded by Commissioner Coulon and adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairperson Walton, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Coulon and Commissioner Ewell

**Absent:**