



2817 Canal Street
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New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 8, 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, May 8, 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 Walton and Commissioner Colin

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Moore

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

[Finance Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2025]

[25-062](#)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 10, 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 presented. This report can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Finance Committee Report.

Highlights from the report:

- Salary information requested by Cm Guidry will be available before May's Board meeting.
- An Operator saw a child wandering and stayed until NOPD arrived.
- Supervisors are stepping up and driving buses when call-ins are most frequent during festival events.
- The City and RTA is preparing for Hurricane Season. Any person looking to evacuate will be picked up at any RTA's bus stop heading downtown and will be taken to the City of New Orleans Central Hub.
- The agency has 80 buses in service and 82 buses are required. Out of the 130 vehicles that the RTA has, 26 of those vehicles are going through some type of maintenance and each vehicle has a timeline for completion. CEA's are in place to put the buses on higher ground to save them from flooding during a hurricane.

6. Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

Highlights from the CFO report:

- The total budgeted amount for Capital Funding was divided by 12 for Capital Projects.
- The RTA is under contract for Diesel Fuel but the price for fuel does fluctuate.
- For the RTA to provide the required service, staff is presently working on the riders' profile. Staff has found that ridesharing to be too expensive, but if RTA performance is strong, ridership will continue to rise.

7. DBE Report

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

All the DBE Workshops are advertised through social media and the RTA clients send the information for these workshops to their clients.

8. Chief Planning and Capital Project Officer's Report

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

The CEO stated that the RTA will bring the Streetcar Preservationist to the table to discuss and communicate the changes to the St. Charles Streetcar Line and explain how this change to the streetcars will benefit all people. The RTA will always have a mixture of vehicles such as electric, hybrid and diesel and staff does have a Fleet Replacement Plan.

9. Procurements

A. Authorizations:

Purchase of Paratransit Vehicles

[24-126](#)

The goal for the number of Paratransit Vehicles is 46.

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to approve the Purchase of Paratransit Vehicles. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-027

Purchase of Handheld Radios

[25-051](#)

Commissioner Colin moved and Commissioner Walton seconded to approve the Purchase of Handheld Radios. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-029

B. Amendments:

Change Order for Transit Security Services

[25-048](#)

The CEO stated that this amended for Security Services will get the agency through the end of September and staff will do a RFP to get a vendor for these services. The last amendment was approved in June 2024.

Commissioner Colin wants to make sure that the RTA was getting the best service for these contract amendments.

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Colin approved the Change Order for Transit Security Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Enactment No: 25-028

C. Informational Report:

An update on Various RTA Insurance Coverages 2025-2026 (Agenda Item 25-056)

The RTA's policies will expire by the end of this month, and this pricing information is for the 2025-2026 calendar year.

10. New Business

None.

11. Audience Questions & Comments

None.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Walton moved and Commissioner Colin seconded to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting of May 8, 2025. The motion was adjourned unanimously.

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