



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:00 AM

RTA Board Room

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Board of Commissioners will hold an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 10:00 am. The meeting will begin at the scheduled time but may be delayed until a quorum is present and will be live streamed on the RTA website; masks are optional. Written public comments on agenda items may be submitted by 1) completing a speaker card on the day of the meeting; 2) email to rtaboard@rtaforward.org prior to the meeting; 3) U.S. mail to RTA, Office of Board Affairs, 2817 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119. This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities, and accommodation requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance by contacting the Office of Board Affairs at 504-827-8341 or rtaboard@rtaforward.org.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Casby, Commissioner Duplessis, Commissioners Guidry, Commissioner Major, Commissioner Mann and Commissioner Ramey

Present: Commissioner Mitchell Guidry, Commissioner Ann Duplessis, Commissioner Nelita Ramey, Commissioner Tyrone Casby, and Commissioner Barbara Major

Absent:

Late Arrival: Commissioner Erika Mann

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes (Public Comment will be taken prior to Board vote in accordance with La. R.S. 42:14 (D))

[Board of Commissioners Meeting - May 26, 2026]

[26-094](#)

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Guidry seconded to approve the Board Meeting from May 26, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Informational Reports

A. Board Chair Report

There will be no meetings during the month of July. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026, and the Board Meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2026.

B. Operations & Administration Committee Report

Commissioner Guidry stated that the Operations Administration Committee address issues to improve Paratransit Service, the reliability of fixed route and Hurricane Preparedness was discussed at the July RAC Meeting.

C. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee reviewed the Change Order for the Immediately Repair for the Willow Street Substation and on today's Agenda the Annual Renewal of Excess Liability, Automobile Physical Damage and Cyber Insurance (26-27).

D. Executive Committee Report

No Report.

E. RTA General Counsel's Report

No Report.

F. RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Executive Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

Report Highlights - CEO:

The Employees of the month were presented to the Board.

G. Chief Transit Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Transit Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

Staff reported that agency communications with the riding public are improving through social media service alerts, additional signage, better methods for securing signage, and the use of supervisors to notify riders of route changes. Passengers may also opt in to receive service alerts by text message and email. The Board recommended that staff explore digital signage at bus shelters and stops and research new transit technologies to improve rider communications.

Commissioner Casby requested that a bus stop sign be installed at General DeGaulle Drive and Wall Boulevard.

Commissioner Guidry expressed concern that there are insufficient street supervisors to cover the entire system, particularly New Orleans East. The Board requested that staff present a strategy for improving low-performing routes and increasing on-time performance.

Commissioner Major requested that staff review the lowest-performing routes and implement necessary changes to improve on-time performance. She also requested an analysis comparing routes operated by operators with the highest on-time performance to those operated by operators with the lowest on-time performance.

Commissioner Major requested that RTA validate the accuracy of “no-show” reports submitted by Paratransit operators. Staff explained that the Paratransit charts reflect negotiated pickup times established with customers to improve on-time performance.

Commissioner Mann commended the operators serving the Dryades YMCA for providing timely service.

Commissioner Casby asked whether staff were tracking all Commissioner requests and recommendations related to the presentation, particularly those concerning staff’s data-collection methods.

Commissioner Mann stated that staff should analyze the data to determine outcomes and use the findings to guide improvements.

H. RTA Chief Financial Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Financial Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

The potential farebox recovery goal was 30%, representing the percentage of operating expenses covered by fare revenue. The Chief Financial Officer noted that fareboxes require ongoing repairs. Commissioner Guidry asked whether staff were monitoring farebox alerts and raised concerns that only one of the two fareboxes on streetcars was being probed. Staff reported that three employees currently work with the fareboxes and are reviewing probing summary reports but could not confirm whether farebox audits were still being conducted. Depending on the issue, a defective farebox or the vehicle itself may be replaced while in service.

Fringe benefit costs increased by 20% over the prior year. Commissioner Mann stated that she was still awaiting the information she requested regarding the TMSEL Pension Plan. Staff explained that the pension line item is not currently being funded because the plan is overfunded and its status fluctuates with market valuations.

The Board requested a financial briefing to better understand the reports being presented. Commissioners discussed holding a Special Finance Committee meeting, which any Board member may attend. Staff also noted that RTA is losing approximately \$5.4 million annually from maritime operations, requiring Board attention.

The annual audit will not be completed by June 30, 2026, but is expected in July. The Board will receive a draft before submission to the State, and no extension had been requested. The NTD report was submitted on time, with two outstanding issues requiring resolution.

[April 2026 Financial Statements]

[26-092](#)

5. Consent Agenda (Public Comment will be taken prior to Board vote on each item in accordance with La. R.S. 42:14 (D))

Commissioner Ramey moved and Commissioner Major seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda. Resolution No. 26-048 was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made by and approved the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioner Guidry, Commissioner Duplessis,
Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, Commissioner
Casby, and Commissioner Major

Absent:

Algiers Barge Replacement-Contract Award (IFB 2026-007)

[26-051](#)

Resolution No. 26-046 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-046

Board and Conference Room Technology Upgrades

[26-059](#)

Resolution No. 26-047 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-047

Replacement of Handheld Radios

[26-074](#)

Resolution No. 26-038 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-038

Change Order for Transit Security Services - SEAL

[26-075](#)

There was one public speaker on this item. Ms. Jasmine stated that she has had bad experiences with SEAL when riding the transit system. She feels the officers need additional training.

Resolution No. 26-039 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-039

6. Items Requiring Board Action (Public Comment will be taken prior to Board vote on each item in accordance with La. R.S. 42:14 (D))

This was adopted.

Renewal of Excess Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, and
Cyber Insurance [2026-2027]

[26-082](#)

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to adopt the Renewal of Excess Liability, Automobile Physical Damage, and Cyber Insurance (2026-2027). Resolution No. 26-040 was adopted unanimously.

Aye: Commissioner Guidry, Commissioner Duplessis,
Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, Commissioner
Casby, and Commissioner Major

Absent:

Enactment No: 26-040

Emergency Change Order for Streetcar Substation Repairs

[26-085](#)

Commissioner Mann moved and Commissioner Major seconded to adopt the Emergency Change Order for Streetcar Substation Repairs. Resolution No. 26-041 was adopted unanimously.

Aye: Commissioner Guidry, Commissioner Duplessis,
Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, Commissioner
Casby, and Commissioner Major

Absent:

Enactment No: 26-041

[Resolution Regarding Contract Extension for Legal Services and
Reporting]

[26-095](#)

Commissioner Mann moved and Commissioner Ramey seconded to adopt the Quarterly Reporting Process to the Board. Resolution No. 26-042 was adopted.

Aye: Commissioner Duplessis, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner
Ramey, and Commissioner Casby

Nay: Commissioner Major

Absent:

Abstain: Commissioner Guidry

Enactment No: 26-042 refers to legal quarterly reporting.
26-043 refers to the contract extension.

RESOLUTION 26-043: Commissioner Major stated that she would like to see the RTA's Audit before she extends this contract for 2 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Major and seconded by Commissioner Guidry to DEFER the resolution to the August Board Meeting. A roll call vote was taken that resulted in the following:

Yeas: Major and Guidry
Nays: Ramey, Casby, Mann and Duplessis

The motion FAILED by 2 Yeas and 4 Nays.

Commissioner Ramey moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to Extend the Contract with Wright Harris for 2 years. A roll call vote was taken that resulted in the following:

Yeas: Casby, Ramey, Mann and Duplessis

Nays: Major and Guidry

Resolution No. 26-042 was adopted with 4 Yeas and 2 Nays.

Aye: Commissioner Duplessis, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, and Commissioner Casby

Nay: Commissioner Guidry, and Commissioner Major

Absent:

Enactment No: 26-042 refers to legal quarterly reporting.
26-043 refers to the contract extension.

[Ratification of May 9, 2026, Resolution on Retention of a
National Recruitment Firm for CEO Recruitment and Retention of
KL2 Connects LLC]

26-096

The firm has finalized the Job Description and will be advertised Nationally. The job description is based on National CEO Search and the firm met with the major RTA stakeholders. The Board will receive a copy of the Job Description before it is made available to the public.

Commissioner Ramey moved and Commissioner Casby seconded to adopt the Ratification of May 9, 2026, Resolution on Retention of a National Recruitment Firm for CEO Recruitment and Retention of KL2 Connects LLC. Resolution No. 26-044 was adopted unanimously.

Aye: Commissioner Guidry, Commissioner Duplessis,
Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, Commissioner
Casby, and Commissioner Major

Absent:

Enactment No: 26-044

Authorization Resolution to File Applications with the Federal
Transit Administration

26-097

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to adopt the Authorization to File Applications with the Federal Transit Administration. Resolution No. 26-045 was adopted unanimously.

Enactment No: 26-045

7. New Business (Unanimous Vote Required To Consider)

None

[06.23.26 Board PowerPoint]

26-098

8. General Public Comments (Informational Items)

Alan Drake - He suggested that the Board of Commissioner give the CEO more authority in an emergency such as a Hurricanes.

Garrett Rose - The bus signs should be installed in a place where people can't tear them down and he stated that the RTA does not need a Chief Transit Officer.

Jazmin stated that the CEO should be an African American since the City of New Orleans is majority African American. The operators should be recognized when they go beyond the call of duty. One of the streetcar operators picked up the debris for the bus coming behind her.

Ronald Horn - ATU President stated that the RTA does not have a something in place when a storm is headed toward the City of New Orleans. The New Orleans Area has a lot of street flooding.

Commissioner Duplessis stated that staff need to meet and come up with a plan for these storms that may affect the bus service and passengers.

9. Executive Session (2/3rds Vote Required To Consider)

None

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Ramey moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting of June 23, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Aye: Commissioner Guidry, Commissioner Duplessis,
Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ramey, Commissioner
Casby, and Commissioner Major

Absent: