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New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Operations & Administration Committee

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM

RTA Board Room

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Board of Commissioners will hold an in-person public meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. 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 completing a speaker card on the day of the meeting, by email to rtaboard@rtaforward.org prior to the meeting, or by 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 Daniels, Commissioner Guidry and Commissioner Sams

Present Commissioner Flozell Daniels, and Chairperson Timolyn Sams

Absent

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Guidry seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes of Operations and Administration of December 11, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

Present Commissioner Flozell Daniels, and Chairperson Timolyn Sams

Absent

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4. Committee Chairman's Report

Commissioner Sams stated that she was looking forward to all the projects that will take place in 2026.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

Algiers Service Improvement

A Community Meeting will be held on January 24, 2026, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Algiers Regional Library and the residents in the Cut-Off in Algiers are aware of this community meeting.

New Electric Buses

The New Electric Buses has arrived, and they are in the bus bays in the Maintenance Facility.

Automatic Tamping Machine

This new Tamping Machine is housed at Carrollton Station and will make the realigning of the tracks much easier for the maintenance crew. Staff is working on modernizing as many tools as possible.

6. Chief Transit Officer's Report

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

Paratransit

Oscar Duplessis stated the following:

Early trips are being proactively negotiated with customers

Dispatchers are actively monitoring trips, and will add additional driver/runs as needed

Supervisors and Managers are doing route checks

Manifests are being checked daily by the Manager and Director

Early trips are happening 3 out of 5 trips due to the relationship the Operators have with the Clients. The new software will reconcile early arrivals and provide better efficiency for the clients. Each operator will only receive one trip at a time.

The Rideline and the Call Center for Paratransit should all report to the Chief Transit Officer. It was stated that when the new software is implemented some job functions will change and If the software does what it is supposed to do the Paratransit Department may have too many operators and they will be no need for outside help to assist transporting passengers.

Currently there are a total of 24 Supervisors on staff that work in zones. Every supervisor should be able to manage all modes of transportation.

7. Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report

The monthly Chief Asset Manager Officer's Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

The average age of a Paratransit Vehicle is 4 to 5 years old.

The wheels for Canal Streetcars are scheduled to arrive during the second week of February. The current number of bus mechanics is 25 and several mechanics are retiring but staff are interviewing for those positions.

The Riverfront Streetcars will be kept on the Riverfront Line during Mardi Gras.

8. Chief Safety/Security Officer's Report

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

There is trend analysis based on routes but not kept on a year-to-year basis.

The RTA currently has more new operators than ever before. The information about new operators' accidents is always available for review and Safety has a great working relationship with the Training Department when it comes to retraining new operators after accidents.

9. Presentation: The Disruption Communication Plan

COMMISSIONER DANIELS LEFT THE MEETING

The Disruption Communication Plan was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

Staff have just received the Plan for Mardi Gras from the City of New Orleans and will schedule the necessary meeting with staff.

The Dispatch Department monitors the information that comes from Cleaver regarding any disruption on routes.

Staff track the engagement of the public on all social media platforms and mainly on the Disruption Posts.

10. Algiers Service Improvement Update

The Algiers Service Improvement Update was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Operations and Administration Meeting.

Commissioner Guidry stated that the Algiers Service Improvement Plan was a great plan.

11. New Business

None.

12. Audience Questions & Comments

Garrett Rose stated that the French Quarter needs a sophisticated bollard system and this system if implemented would affect many of the RTA Routes and he wanted to start a conversation with the RTA.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Sams moved and Commissioner Guidry seconded to adjourn the Operations and Administration Meeting of January 8, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

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