



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 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, April 28, 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.

THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

approved

[02.24.26 Board Minutes]

[26-046](#)

4. Informational Reports

A. RTA Chairman's Report

No Audio

B. Committee Assignments

- Operations Committee

With the resignation of Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Mann was added to the Operations Committee.

- Executive Committee

With the resignation of Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Ramey was added to the Executive Committee.

C. Executive Committee Chairman's Report

There were two items that were presented at the Executive Committee Meeting that were placed under New Business for full Board Approval.

Temporary Hiring Freeze and Temporary Procurement Controls Restrictions

D. Operations & Administration Committee Chairman's Report

No Audio

Commissioner Guidry stated that he was excited to Chair the Operations Committee and was committed to working with staff.

E. Finance Committee Chairman's Report

No Audio
No Report.

F. RTA General Counsel's Report

No Audio
No Report

G. RTA Chief Executive Officer's Report

No Audio

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

H. Paratransit Software Modernization: Software Transition, Operational Impacts and Interim Service

No Audio

The Paratransit Software Modernization: Software Transition, Operational Impacts and Interim was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

I. ADA Compliance and Customer Service: Performance Overview and Service Enhancements

No Audio

The ADA Compliance and Customer Service: Performance Overview and Service Enhancements Report was given and can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation for the Board Meeting.

J. Chief Transit Officer's Report

No Audio

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

K. RTA Chief Financial Officer's Report

No Audio

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

[January 2026 Financials]

26-048

No Audio

[February Financials 2026]

26-049

No Audio

5. Consent Agenda (None)**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))**

Contract Award For Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services

[25-171](#)

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Mann seconded to adopt the Contract for Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services. Resolution No. 26-022 was adopted unanimously.

adopted

Enactment No: 26-022

Adoption of Algiers Service Improvement Plan and Acceptance of Associated Title VI Service Equity Analysis

[26-034](#)

Commissioner Casby moved and Commissioner Ramey seconded to adopt the Algiers Service Improvement Plan and Acceptance of Associated Title VI Service Equity Analysis.

After a long discussion ensued between the Board and staff a Roll Call Vote was called on the motion as follows:

Commissioner Duplessis	Aye
Commissioner Casby	Nay
Commissioner Guidry	Nay

Commissioner Major	Nay
Commissioner Manego	Nay
Commissioner Mann	Abstain

The motion failed with 4 Nays, 1 Aye and 1 Abstain.

recommended for denial

Enactment No: 26-026

Carrollton Double Crossover Widening-Contract Award
(IFB2026-004)

[26-040](#)

Commissioner Mann moved and Commissioner Major seconded to adopt the Carrollton Double Crossover Widening-Contract Award. Resolution No. 26-023 was adopted unanimously.

adopted

Enactment No: 26-023

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with City of New Orleans for
Installation and Maintenance of Battery Electric Bus Charging
Infrastructure at East New Orleans Regional Library

[26-041](#)

Commissioner Guidry moved and Commissioner Ramey seconded to refer this item to the May Board Meeting after further discussion with the community.

referred

7. New Business (UNANIMOUS VOTE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER)

Commissioner Casby moved and Commissioner Major seconded to add the Temporary Hiring Freeze and Temporary Procurement Controls Restrictions to New Business. The motion was approved unanimously.

Temporary Hiring Freeze

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Guidry seconded to adopt the Temporary Hiring Freeze. Resolution No. 26-024 was adopted unanimously,

Temporary Procurement Controls Restrictions

Commissioner Mann moved and Commissioner Casby seconded to adopt the Temporary Procurement Controls Restrictions. Resolution No. 26-025 was adopted unanimously.

8. General Public Comment (Informational Items)

Several members of the audience made comments regarding Paratransit, the CEA with the City of New Orleans regarding the Charging Station in New Orleans East and other concerns regarding the Transit System.

Communications Received by the Board

[T. Ramsey Communication]

[26-047](#)

Ramsey was not in attendance

9. Executive Session (2/3RDS VOTE TO Consider)

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Ramey seconded to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adoption of Algiers Service Improvement Plan and Acceptance of Associated Title VI Service Equity Analysis

Commissioner Duplessis moved and Commissioner Guidry seconded to approve the Algiers Service Implementation Plan with the condition that staff meet with the Union along with Commissioner Guidry and come to an agreement to the changes on the Algiers Service.

approved

- Briefing from Legal Counsel on Pending or Anticipated Litigation pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 (A) (2)
- Personnel Matters: Review and Discussion of Employment Agreements and Amendments for Board-Appointed Officials pursuant to La R.S. 42:17 (A)(1) for:

Lona Hankins, Chief Executive Officer

Yolanda Rodriguez, Chief of Board Affairs

[04.28.26 Board Presentation]

26-056

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Major moved and Commissioner Duplessis seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.