

Triangle Transit Authority Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2006

Board Room, 68 T.W. Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC

Board Members Present:

Bill Bell	Ellen Reckhow (arr. 1:16 p.m.)
Anne S. Franklin	Bill Strom
Alice Gordon	Nina Szlosberg
W. Lewis Hannah, Jr.	M. Carter Worthy
Bob Hinshaw	

Board Members Absent:

Thomas Hilliard	Kenneth Spaulding
William G. Smith	

Staff Present:

Laurie Barrett	Wib Gulley
Don Carnell	Geoff Powell
John Claflin	Terry Rekeweg
Michelle Dawson	Brad Schulz
Fleming El-Amin	Garold Smith
Saundra Freeman	John Tallmadge
Sylvester Goodwin	

Others Present:

Walter Davenport, <i>Cherry, Bekaert & Holland</i>	Paul Hickman, <i>Fairway Outdoor Advertising</i>
Scott Duda, <i>Cherry, Bekaert & Holland</i>	Bruce Siceloff, <i>News & Observer</i>
Ginny Oros, <i>Webb Patterson Communications</i>	

Chair M. Carter Worthy called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Franklin and second by Strom the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

None.

B. Announcement of Promotions

None.

III. Public Hearings

None.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Consent Agenda

Action: On motion by Strom and second by Hinshaw the consent agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- January 25, 2006 – Regular Session Minutes;
- January 25, 2006 – Closed Session A Minutes; and
- January 25, 2006 – Closed Session B Minutes.

VI. Presentations

A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Sandra Freeman introduced Walter Davenport and Scott Duda from Cherry, Bekaert & Holland to overview the FY 2005 CAFR and give the auditors' perspective. Walter Davenport thanked the Board for the opportunity to perform TTA's audit. Scott Duda noted that TTA received an unqualified opinion for FY 2005.

Reckhow arrived.

Duda noted a new ruling, GASB 45, which deals with post retirement benefits and will be implemented for TTA in FY 2007. Strom suggested that the Operations & Finance Committee explore this issue and the impact to TTA's financial statements. There were no objections.

B. Monthly Modeling Update

Don Carnell stated that responses to FTA's last request would be shipped today.

Szlosberg noted that CAMPO has determined that about \$2.3 billion of projects are listed in its Long Range Transportation Plan that have no funding source. Reckhow said that DCHC's plan includes \$500 million to \$600 million in projects with no revenue source. Szlosberg asked how this has been communicated to FTA. Carnell responded that he has talked with John Hodges-Copple at TJCOG about formulating a hybrid plan to reflect that gap. Clafin said that staff has given this message to FTA.

Hannah asked to see the projections for congestion without these unfunded projects. Gordon noted the issue of air quality compliance. Worthy agreed that without the regional rail project the region likely would face a non-compliance issue. She asked how to get that answer. Carnell said it would involve stripping out all fixed guideway projects from the LRTPs. Worthy suggested that the Board make a formal request to the MPOs for this analysis. She said it is an important answer to make the case for future mobility needs regardless of federal funding. Szlosberg agreed that non-

conformity would mean that all federal funding would be stopped. Worthy asked to send this item to the Communications Committee.

Reckhow asked about some points from a recent newspaper article which said that FTA has questioned several assumptions in TTA's financial plan: (1) operating costs increasing less than inflation, (2) revenues increasing higher than inflation, and (3) joint development revenues. Carnell said that these assumptions were taken from the financial plan created by Bob Peskin, who said that fuel costs would not rise as significantly as they have in the past. Claflin added that labor costs, and specifically health insurance, historically for TTA have increased less than inflation. Sandra Freeman reported that TTA had resubmitted the financial plan and changed some assumptions based on FTA's comments. Reckhow asked for background information in order to be able to explain the assumptions in the plan. Claflin said the submission was offered to Board members on CD at the time of submission.

VII. Reports & Recommendations

A. Communications Committee Report

Committee Chair Nina Szlosberg reported that the Committee adopted a mission statement, "to identify and prioritize the Board's expectations for and role in TTA's communications strategy." She said staff introduced the French West Vaughn group and discussed target audiences and message development to help TTA better communicate its mission and goals to the community.

B. Personnel Committee Report

Committee Chair Alice Gordon said the Personnel Committee would present its report and action items on the March 22.

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

No report.

D. Operations & Finance Committee Report

1. FY07 Budget Schedule

Action: On motion by Franklin and second by Bell the Board adopted the FY07 budget schedule, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. General Manager's Report

General Manager John Claflin reported:

- He would appear at the NC League of Municipalities (NCLM) Risk Management Board's meeting on Thursday to appeal the decision to terminate TTA's liability insurance effective July 1.
- Commuter Resources is giving Board members an opportunity to hear the results of the individualized marketing program sponsored by APTA at the end of the month.
- TTA is working with TJCOG on a regional seven-year transportation demand management (TDM) plan for funding by NCDOT.

- TTA also is working with TJCOG and the MPOs on a transit vision plan (composite master transit plan).
- TTA is supporting a travel survey along with NDOT and the MPOs, and being conducted by the Triangle Regional Model Service (ITRE). The results will be used to update the regional model.

Clafin then offered the following update from the last Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) leadership team meeting:

- RTA is working with RDU and local businesses on air transportation mobility.
- Alliance staff is following up with members of the Legislature and other partners to maximize the success of RTA's policy initiatives for the upcoming legislative session and beyond.
- RTA is encouraging member businesses to consider participating in the Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC) program.
- RTA remains active in the turnpike authority and the proposed Triangle Parkway and other toll projects.
- RTA has pledged to continue a dialogue with TTA and other partners concerning the region's continued pursuit of federal funding for the proposed regional rail system. Gordon asked if any specific proposals were mentioned. Clafin said no. Worthy added that RTA wishes to take an active role and may ask TTA to define a role.

F. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Wib Gulley updated the Board on the Norfolk Southern agreement, saying that the final issue had been resolved and execution copies would be sent in the next week. He said that work continues on an agreement with TTA's master developer.

Reckhow asked about sending letters to the president of Duke and the chancellor of NCCU about TTA's U-PASS agreements with UNC and NCSU, stating that Duke is interested in becoming a Best Workplace for Commuters. Tallmadge said that an agreement between DATA and Duke is important and TTA should work with DATA to approach Duke jointly.

Reckhow then noted an outreach opportunity for TTA on the Triangle Chambers' DC trip in late March.

G. Chair's Report

Chair Worthy thanked Board members and staff for their work under difficult circumstances and encouraged them to continue to work hard for the future.

H. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO TAC Representative

Anne Franklin reported from the CAMPO TAC meeting:

- Discussed *Bicycle Facilities Planning and Engineering Guidelines*;

- Received status report on the *Comprehensive Transportation Plan* and learned that the CAMPO area has almost doubled in size with the addition of new communities last year;
- Discussed a *Transit Vision Plan* and will be holding meetings with member communities; and
- Received a report from the NC Turnpike Authority regarding the status of toll roads and the equity issue surrounding toll roads.

2. DCHC TAC Representative

Bill Strom highlighted that a proposal before the DCHC TAC to alter the distribution formula for 5307 transit funds was deferred due to unclear elements of the SAFETEA-LU program. He said that there would be no budget implications for TTA this year; however, it could change next year.

VIII. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. New Business

None.

IX. Closed Session(s)

A. TTA v. Morrison

Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

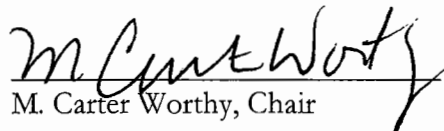
B. Discussion of Employee Performance

Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Action: On motion by Franklin and second by Gordon the Board adjourned into closed session at 2:27 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.


M. Carter Worthy, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the TTA Board