

Triangle Transit Authority Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2007

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

Board Members Present:

Bill Bell (arr. 1:16 p.m.)

Anne S. Franklin

Alice Gordon

Bob Hinshaw

Sig Hutchinson

Jeff Merritt

Ellen Reckhow (arr. 1:11 p.m.)

Bill Strom

M. Carter Worthy (arr. 1:22 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

William G. Smith (excused)

Kenneth Spaulding (NCBOT meeting)

Nina Szlosberg (NCBOT meeting)

Staff Present:

Laurie Barrett

Michelle Dawson

Saundra Freeman

Damien Graham

Sylvester Goodwin

Wib Gulley

Joe Huegy

David King

Greg Northcutt

Brad Schulz

Juanita Shearer-Swink

John Tallmadge

Paul Vespermann

Chair Alice Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Gordon noted that General Counsel Wib Gulley would like to present the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NCDOT for discussion and possible action during the General Counsel's report.

Reckhow arrived.

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

II. Recognition

A. Above and Beyond Award

General Manager David King explained that the "Above and Beyond Award" was created in the fall after an operator, Joe Hutchinson, continued his route after his windshield collapsed on him during a heavy rain storm. King then presented operator Sammie Santana with the second Above and Beyond Award, who on January 26 in Moore Square administered CPR to a passenger on another TTA operator's bus.

Bell arrived.

B. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager David King noted four new employees of the regional call center: Dalia Martinez, Crystal Sloan, Juan Alencastro and Neyda Zaldivar. He also noted two new bus operators, Duane Snipes and Kareem White.

C. Announcement of Promotions

King also noted that Jackie Rodriguez would be moving to the Regional Call Center from bus operations.

III. Public Hearings

None.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- January 24, 2007 – Regular Session Minutes; and
- Unsealing of Closed Session Minutes - Board of Trustees
 - 01/25/2006 - A
 - 02/22/2006 – A
 - 04/26/2006 – A
 - 08/23/2006 – A, B
 - 09/11/2006 – A

VI. Presentations

A. EIS for Raleigh-Richmond Rail Corridor

General Manager King introduced David Foster of the NCDOT Rail Division who is working on the Southeast High Speed Rail project in the Richmond to Raleigh corridor. He noted that TTA is a property owner of six and one half miles of the corridor into downtown Raleigh.

Foster's presentation and additional information is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Worthy arrived.

Hutchinson asked about possible greater train speeds. Foster explained that ridership revenue models (in the 25-year design window) did not generate a commensurate ridership increase to justify train speeds above 125 to 150 miles per hour. He said the corridor, however, could run much faster than currently designed at 110 miles per hour.

B. Environmental Analysis of Bus Stops

Patrick McDonough introduced UNC City and Regional Planning Department students Katie Chalmers and Renee Autumn Ray who conducted an audit of 148 of 600 TTA bus stops. They presented their findings and recommendations. The presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VII. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Personnel Committee Report

Committee Chair Carter Worthy noted the minutes in the packet. She also noted that the General Counsel's evaluation is due next week.

1. Interim General Manager Work Plan

Action: On motion by Strom and second by Reckhow the Board approved the General Manager's work plan as proposed. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Gordon presented the Planning & Legislative Committee report on behalf of Nina Szlosberg.

1. Unified Planning Work Program

Action: On motion by Franklin and second by Strom the Board approved the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program as recommended by the Planning & Legislative Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

General Manager King noted that Nina Szlosberg and Ken Spaulding are attending the NC Board of Transportation meeting today.

D. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Bill Strom noted the minutes at Board member places.

1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Paratransit Program

Action: On motion by Hinshaw and second by Hutchinson the Board authorized the General Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Implementing a Triangle Seamless Service Paratransit Program with the cities of Durham and Raleigh. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Budget Calendar

Strom presented the Committee recommended schedule for the FY 2008 budget process.

Action: On motion by Hinshaw and second by Reckhow the Board adopted the budget calendar for FY 2008. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Installment Financing

Strom stated that the Committee recommends that the BB&T installment financing of credit for property acquisitions be paid off. He noted that a cash analysis included in the agenda.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Strom the Board approved the repayment of installment financing from BB&T. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Board Travel Requests

Chair Gordon noted that only two Board members would be attending the APTA Legislative Conference, but Nina Szlosberg had requested to attend the Inter-City Visit. She noted that three others had been approved to attend this trip in January. Reckhow suggested that the travel policy be revisited. Strom offered that the Operations & Finance Committee would look at the policy.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Hutchinson the Board approved the attendance by Nina Szlosberg on the 2007 Inter-City Visit. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

David King reported the following:

- The NC Board of Transportation approved the Memorandum of Agreement with TTA today, which will be considered by this Board later in the meeting.
- TTA continues to work on the joint MPO process for developing the regional blueprint.
- Working on agenda for Board work session on March 22.
- BOMF expansion progressing well.
- Several road shows have been presented by Damien Graham. Feedback has been positive.
- King then recognized Joe Huegy who will be assuming the position of project director of ITRE.

Alice Gordon offered good wishes on behalf of the Board to Huegy.

B. General Counsel's Report

Wib Gulley reported that the NC Board of Transportation unanimously approved the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with TTA and accepted the Master Development Agreement. He said TTA would consider and possibly take action on the MOA today.

Gulley highlighted the major points of the agreement, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Action: On motion by Worthy and second by Reckhow the Board authorized the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the NC Department of Transportation. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Gordon distributed a draft work session agenda and requested comments by March 7.

Strom requested information on federal programs and how FTA is evolving. He also suggested a conversation about how to get some cash flow out of TTA's joint development arrangement. Gulley suggested these items could go before a committee. Gordon suggested a presentation at the regular March meeting.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO TAC Representative

Anne Franklin noted that the most significant item was the appointment of members to the special commission related to the regional blueprint. She noted that a TTA rider who lives in Cary and works in Durham was appointed as an ex officio member. NCDOT responded to the City of Raleigh's request for additional information on equity allocations. CAMPO reiterated its request to the State Auditor for a full audit of the STIP equity formula allocation methodology and process.

2. DCHC TAC Representative

Bill Strom noted the written report at Board member places. He too said the significant item was the appointments to the special commission for transit.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Wib Gulley reported that the RTA approved two legislative priorities: turnpike gap funding legislation and continued State support for a regional transit alternative. The group also discussed the next steps for I-40 widening.

E. New Business

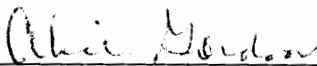
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IX. Closed Session(s)

None.

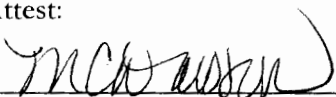
X. Adjournment

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Strom the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.



Alice Gordon, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the TTA Board