

BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

March 18, 2020

The special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority was held at 10:00 a.m. by telephone conference call. Those present were:

Chairman: Frank Tompkins

Vice-Chairman: Charles Howard

Members: Dave Dickey, Lynn Farmer, Ella Mumphery, and Violet Poe

Members Absent: None

Also present were S. Craig Ross, President and CEO and F. Bradford Wilson, Jr., Counsel for the Authority. A proper Quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ramifications of the Corona Virus and the policies and procedures that need to be implemented. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tompkins and he called on President/CEO Ross for his recommendations. President Ross stated that with the first case having now been reported in Houston County it is extremely important that the Authority develop a policy and procedures that are to be followed in dealing with the pandemic. A plan has now been developed that has been forwarded to GDOT and they have accepted it. They will forward it on to FTA for their approval. The Board members were provided a copy of the Covid-19 Plan that would go into effect Monday, March 23 that outlines the safeguards for the employees and the limited hours of operation. Each rider will be required to submit to a temperature check before being allowed to ride a bus. President Ross informed the Board that it will be necessary for it to approve it and vote on the proposed policy before it is implemented and then opened the floor for questions.

In response to Mr. Howard's question as to who will be responsible for taking the temperature of the drivers, President Ross stated the supervisors are assigned that task.

Ms. Mumphery then asked who will be taking the temperature of the Paratransit riders? President Ross replied that the drivers will.

Mr. Dickey asked will the temperature of riders who board the bus while in route be tested? President Ross stated we do not have enough temperature gauges for that to occur at this time but are seeking more and will test them at the transfer station.

President Ross then stated that all passengers will have their temperature taken to avoid any allegation of discrimination. There will be no random selection for that purpose. Anyone who has a temperature of 100.4 or greater will not be allowed on the bus. We currently have a total of 24 temperature gauges but need more. The Authority currently has an adequate supply of gloves. The staff has put in a tremendous amount of time in developing this policy and coordinating the procedures that must be followed.

Chairman Tompkins stated that based on the current pandemic it will be necessary to cancel our regularly scheduled meetings for the months of March and April. If there are matters which need approval the Executive Committee will address those issues that will require temporary approval.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Lynn Farmer that the Authority approve the Free Fare and Reduced Service Policy and Procedures effective March 23, 2020. The motion was seconded by Dave Dickey and approved.

President Ross stated he will send out the final version to the Board once it has been received and reviewed by the State.

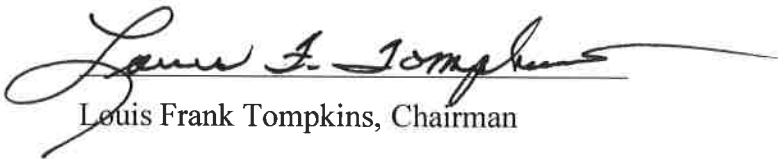
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Violet Poe, Secretary

Approved:



Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman