

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

April 27, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority was held at 5:30 p.m. on April 27, 2021 in the Morris Cohen conference room on the fourth floor of the Terminal Station at 200 Cherry Street, Macon, Georgia. Those present were:

Chairman: Frank Tompkins

Vice-Chairman: Charles Howard

Members: Dave Dickey, Ella Mumphery, Lynn Farmer, and Rachel Umana

Members Absent:

Also present was Craig Ross, President/CEO, Brenda Banks, Executive Assistant, Lee Brown, CFO, and F. Bradford Wilson, Jr., Counsel for the Authority. A proper Quorum was present.

Also, in attendance were Mike Greenwald, Liz Fabian, and David Scott.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tompkins and a time of silent prayer and reflection was observed. In response to Chairman Tompkins' request for the Board members to review the agenda for the meeting, President Ross indicated three items needed to be added to New Business consisting of the Tri-annual Review, earmarked funds for Sanford Bishop's District, and the Board member Conflict of Interest form. The amended agenda was approved by the Board.

Chairman Tompkins then requested review and approval of the Minutes of the March 30, 2021 Board meeting. Following a brief review a motion was made by Dave Dickey to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Charles Howard and approved.

No request was made for an opportunity to make a Public Comment.

The March Financial Report had not been completed and therefore there was no Financial Report.

President Ross was then recognized by the Chairman for the March Operations Report. He stated that ridership is improving and was down just 364 passengers from last year. ParaTransit riders in March exceeded that from last year by 114. President Ross then invited the

Board members to ask any questions concerning the contents of the Operation Report and opened the floor for questions, but none were presented.

Chairman Tompkins opened the floor for New Business and recognized President Ross who stated that the Authority is monitoring Covid very closely. The target date for returning to full capacity is June 15 but such will be carefully considered with focus on the safety of the passengers. The President is reviewing national transit news and reports on a daily basis.

The additional lighting at Terminal Station has not yet been installed. It is anticipated to begin within the next 30-60 days. The Triannual Audit began today. It occurs every three years and consist of meetings and conferences with auditors for three hours a day for three days. So far there have been no exceptions found but the auditors are trained to note each and every possible exception.

The current federal budget earmarked \$15,000,000.00 for any project that Congress would deem beneficial in Congressman Sanford Bishop's District. We are seeking the funding for two more electric buses and four electric ParaTransit buses along with their charging stations. The estimated costs total \$3,250,000.00.

President Ross then directed each Director's attention to the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy which requires their signature. He explained that its focus is on certification that no Director is receiving any type of financial reward or kickback for their services or influence as a member of the Board.

Chairman Tompkins then opened the floor for Old Business. President Ross stated that the Terminal Station roof repair was completed last Friday and there is a balance of approximately \$14,000.00 due for the work.

The electrical power and lighting is now in place for the Fifth Street parking lot next to Capricorn Lofts has been completed and Georgia Power Company has installed the power meter. The power connection will be completed shortly, and the keypads will be installed next week.

The APTA conference that was previously scheduled in California has been moved to Orlando, Florida and is scheduled for November 7-10. Board members will be notified as soon as a deadline is published so reservations can be confirmed for those wishing to attend.

Following the completion of Old Business, the floor was opened for Board member comments but none were made.

A motion was then made by Charles Howard to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dave Dickey and approved at 5:51 p.m.


A motion was made at 6:14 p.m. to close Executive Session and enter into regular session and adjourn the meeting by Dave Dickey. The motion was seconded by Charles Howard and approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lee Brown, Secretary

Approved:

  
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Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman