

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

January 25, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority was held at 5:30 p.m. on January 25, 2022 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, Otis Redding, III, Lynn Farmer and via telephone - Rachel Umana.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance was President/CEO Craig Ross, F. Bradford Wilson, Jr. attorney for the Authority, Lee Brown, Jami Gaudet, Brenda Banks and David Irwin, CPA with Mauldin & Jenkins. A proper Quorum was present.

Also, in attendance were Mike Greenwald, Liz Fabian, Kennedie Watkins, and Jasmin Watkins.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and a moment of silent prayer and reflection was observed.

The Chairman then asked the Board to review the proposed Agenda for the meeting and note any changes or additions. President Ross indicated that the October Operations Report was left off the Agenda and should be added and he wished to add President Comment after the Board Member Comments. The motion to approve the Agenda as amended was approved following a motion by Dave Dickey and second by Charles Howard.

The Board was then asked to review and approve the Minutes of the October 26 meeting. Lynn Farmer seconded the motion of Dave Dickey and the Minutes were approved.

Chairman Tompkins then recognized Ms. Kennedie Watkins for a public comment. Ms. Watkins frequently rides the North Highlands/East Macon bus and wanted to share her observations that there are numerous fingerprints on the railing and bugs on that bus. President Ross thanked her for her appearance and report.

The Chairman next recognized David Irwin of Mauldin & Jenkins, for the presentation of the FY 2021 Annual Audit Review. Mr. Irwin stated that he was present to share and discuss the results of the Independent Audit Report and the two Compliance Reports. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted and applicable to financial audits and he was pleased to state the Authority received a clean Single Audit Report. There were no audit findings and no significant deficiencies. Mr. Irwin complemented CFO, Lee Brown for a great job that was finalized by December 31.

Mr. Irwin stated that the Statement of Net Position evidenced a \$5,000,000.00 increase in assets over the previous year with liabilities decreasing by approximately \$365,000.00, resulting in an increase in equity for the year of \$5,400,000.00. He noted it was a really good year and the Authority is situated in a liquid financial position. The operating loss of \$8,400,000.00 was offset by \$9,000,000.00 in non-operating revenues.

The Authority was provided with the Auditor's Discussion & Analysis Financial & Compliance Audit Summary reviewing the clean audit with no audit findings. It was also noted there were no uncorrected misstatements.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Irwin for his report and expressed the appreciation of the Board to the Authority's Administrative Staff and recognized the great job they are doing under the leadership of President Ross and CFO Brown. He acknowledged the financial status of the Authority is in good hands and has grown dramatically. President Ross also noted how proud he was of our staff and the results that had been achieved.

The Chairman then called on President Ross for the presentation of the October Operations Report. President Ross stated that only 5.7 hours of lost time occurred with buses out of service during the month. That is an excellent report since each bus averages 2500 miles per month. On Time performance for the Fixed Route stood at 76% and we are seeking to improve that to 80% and above. Routes are still being reviewed. Planning for the South Bibb Route is ongoing, and it may start out operating at 4:00 a.m. On Time performance for ParaTransit stood at 94%. It is still not known when the electric ParaTransit buses will arrive, but do not think it will occur anytime soon. There were two Terminations/Resignations during the month.

Terminal Station continues to be a revenue producer with bookings through 2022 and now for some out to April 2023. The building has been steamed cleaned and sand blasted. Bibb County will move out of its offices in Terminal Station in April and then will be shown to other potential tenants.

There were two accidents during the month of October and ridership has begun to increase. All routes are now running. Ridership on the Mercer Route is still slow, but the route has been changed.

Chairman Tompkins opened the floor for New Business.

1. Date for Board Planning Session- President Ross requested each Board member check their calendar for availability during May and report back to him.
2. APTA Transit Board Virtual Seminar January 26 and February 2, 2022- The virtual seminar on January 26 runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Electric Bus Update – Once all buses are delivered the Authority will have 5 Fixed Route electric buses and 3 ParaTransit electric buses.

The Chairman then opened the floor for Board Member Comments, but none were made.

President Ross was then recognized for his Comment. He shared with the Board that he received notice from Mayor Miller that he would be making a number of changes to various County Board of Directors with the replacement of over 30 individuals who had 15 years or more service on various Boards. President Ross stated that Mr. Howard would be replaced by Mr. Charles Murphy, a retired educator and that his last meeting would be in March. He expressed his appreciation for his many years of service and that he would definitely be missed. Ms. Mumphery asked why that had occurred and President Ross stated it was a decision by Mayor Miller to involve more community members.

Ms. Gaudet was then recognized for a final comment and she reminded the Board members of the mural presentation on Friday, January 28 and encouraged their attendance.

A motion was then made by Ms. Mumphery to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Dickey and approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Brown, Secretary

Approved:



Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman