

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

August 31, 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 August 31, 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, Otis Redding, III, and Rachel Umana

Members Absent: Lynn Farmer

Also present was 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 he requested that we pray for those individuals in Louisiana impacted by the hurricane and others by Covid. The moment of reflection and silent prayer was then observed.

The Board was asked to review the Agenda and Chairman Tompkins noted that there would be one change. Ms. Slagle will not be present at the meeting today since she is in the process of completing the annual report. A motion was then made by Dave Dickey to approve the amended Agenda, which was approved following the second by Charles Howard.

The Chairman gave the Board members an opportunity to review the Minutes of the July 27 Board meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dave Dickey, seconded by Charles Howard and the Minutes were approved.

There was no request made for Public Comments.

The monthly Financial Report was continued until the next meeting.

Due to President Ross' absence due to his illness the Operations Report was presented by Chairman Tompkins. He reported that we currently have two buses out of operation. The On Time performance for July was 77% for Fixed Route and 93% for ParaTransit. There are currently openings for ten drivers on the Fixed Routes and two on ParaTransit. A substantial amount of overtime is being incurred due to those vacancies. Terminal Station is doing great

with rentals for weddings and social events. Monthly ridership increased in July and Mercer is now back in session.

The floor was then opened for New Business by Chairman Tompkins to address the following items:

1. Approve Final Title VI Document: Following limited discussion a motion was made by Mr. Dickey to approve the Title VI document in its final form. The motion was unanimously approved following a second by Mr. Howard.
2. Leasing Three ParaTransit Vans Until Electric Vans are Delivered- A twelve-month lease was entered into for three ParaTransit vans with an option to renew for another twelve months in the event the electric vans have not been delivered. The Authority's investigation of Microtransit will continue.
3. Public Service Commission Vice Chairman, Tim Echols, Possibly Having his Annual "Clean Energy Road Show" at MTA in November -Mr. Echols was in town today and took a tour of the city. Mr. Echols is very interested in clean energy.
4. Craig Ross, Lee Brown and Tony Woodard Traveling to Lancaster, CA on September 7-10 to Finalize Documentation and Inspections at BYD for the Next Two Electric Buses – This trip has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
5. Craig Ross has been Appointed to the Georgia Transit Association (GTA) Board of Directors- The Chairman read a letter thanking Craig for his leadership and accomplishments which more than justified his appointment to GTA. This is a real benefit to the Authority.

Following the conclusion of New Business, the meeting was opened for Old Business:

1. Recap of Senator Jon Ossoff's Visit- Reference was made to the possible receipt of a portion of the \$16,000,000.00 grant to provide assistance to the Authority and possible purchase of additional electric buses.
2. Recap of PSC Vice Chairman, Tim Echols Visit- He praised the Authority for its electric bus system and its utilization, highlighting the progress the Authority has made. He noted the importance of good leadership and how the Authority and Macon-Bibb County are well ahead of the curve of other cities and noted the favorable working relationship between the two.

Abraham Abebe, an art professor at Georgia College in Milledgeville was the winner of the mural contest for his presentation entitled "The Spirit of Macon".

The Philadelphia APTA convention has been cancelled.

The meeting was then opened for Board Member Comments. Ms. Umana inquired as to whether Mr. Stroud's position of Transit Planner would be advertised and sought to be filled in the future. Mr. Wilson responded that it was his understanding such would occur.

Mr. Dickey inquired as to whether the Authority would consider hiring school bus drivers to work on a part-time basis to help address the shortage. The Chairman indicated we can explore that option.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dickey to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howard and approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Brown, Secretary

Approved:



Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman