

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

April 26, 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 April 26, 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

Members: Dave Dickey, Ella Mumphery, Otis Redding, III, Lynn Farmer and Charles Murphy

Members Absent: Rachel Umana.

Also in attendance was President/CEO Craig Ross, F. Bradford Wilson, Jr. attorney for the Authority, Lee Brown, CFO, Jami Gaudet, Public Information Officer, and Brenda Banks, Executive Assistant. A proper Quorum was present.

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

Chairman Tompkins called the meeting to order and observed a time of silent prayer and reflection.

The Chairman then introduced Charles Murphy as the new Board member and welcomed him to the Board. The Chairman shared with the Board his knowledge of Mr. Murphy's commitment to community service and the attributes he brings to the Board.

The Board members were then asked to review the proposed agenda. Following their review, a motion was made by Dave Dickey to approve the agenda and it was approved following a second by Lynn Farmer.

The Chairman then asked the Board to review the March 29, 2022 Minutes and indicate if any modifications were needed. The Minutes were approved following a motion by Dave Dickey and a second by Otis Redding.

The next agenda item was the election of a Board Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shared the duties and responsibilities of the Vice-Chair to the Board and opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Mumphery was recognized and nominated Otis Redding, III. Mr. Dickey was then recognized and nominated Lynn Farmer. A motion was then made by Ms. Mumphery to close the nominations. The motion was approved following a second by Charles Murphy.

Following discussion of the FTA policy the vote was held and Ms. Farmer was elected Vice-Chair.

No Public Comments were requested.

No Financial Report was presented due to Ms. Slagle's absence.

President Ross was then recognized for presentation of the March 2022 Operations Report. President Ross stated that only three hours of lost time occurred during March and there is an issue with one of the electric buses. GDOT is coming in on May 2 to check the buses. Our fuel costs are hedged but they are still increasing. The Fixed Route had OnTime performance of 81% during March and has openings for ten full-time drivers. ParaTransit had OnTime performance of 90%. Free ridership ends on April 29 and we should reach the 500,000-ridership threshold this year. There was one resignation during March and overtime wages are still very high.

Sixty events have already been scheduled for Terminal Station this year and twenty-three events for 2023. There was one preventable accident in March, but no injuries resulted. Fixed Route ridership increased from 273,602 last fiscal year to 380,739 passengers this year to date. Mercer ridership is also increasing.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chairman then opened the floor for New Business and recognized the President to address the following items:

1. Greyhound/Flex: Greyhound has been sold and initially Flex indicated it would not place anyone on site. Following our notification to Greyhound that change would require them to relocate they reversed their position and stated that they would provide security and have a representative on site. If they fail to do so notice of termination will be provided.

2. 41 Days of Free Rides: This has provided an excellent opportunity for individuals to experience transit. Most passengers are still wearing masks.

3. End of Mask Mandate: The Authority will follow the law in accordance with the recent legal decision.

The Chairman then opened the floor for Old Business.

1. Board Retreat on May 6, 2022.

2. APTA Transit CEO's Conference: President Ross and CFO Brown attended this conference which had not been held since 2019. Following its completion, they drove to BYD.

3. BYD Visit: The buses are scheduled to be delivered in June. BYD was very accommodating and they were able to observe the Authority's buses on the line.

The Chairman then opened the floor for Board Member comments. After none were made the Chairman requested the President to send Ken North notice of the election of Ms. Farmer as Vice Chair.

A motion was then made by Dave Dickey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved following a second by Otis Redding.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Brown, Secretary

Approved:



Louis Frank Tompkins, Chairman