

Presented: September 24th, 2019

TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Transit Authority of River City met on Tuesday, August 27th, 2019 at 1:30 PM, at the Transit Authority Offices, 1000 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203, pursuant to written and electronic notice to all Board Members.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Morrow
Mary Margaret Mulvihill
Cedric Merlin Powell
Charles Rogers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alice Houston
Ted Smith
JC Stites

QUORUM CALL

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

- Chairman Powell announced that there is not a quorum for today's meeting. The meeting will proceed but there will not be any votes on the resolutions. There will only be discussions. The resolutions from today's meeting will be held until the next Board Meeting that will take place on September 24th, 2019.

SPEAKERS

Marcellus Mayes, Chair of Metro Disabilities Coalition

- Mr. Mayes suggested for TARC and First Transit to have a phone line for customers to call when the computers are down.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he was disappointed to hear of the incident involving the Yellow Cab driver whom assaulted a TARC passenger. Mr. Mayes expressed that

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TARC should respond timely to such incidents and should be more responsive to customer complaints.

- Mr. Mayes spoke of the TARC budget deficit and that the Board should look into how new staff members are being hired at TARC. Additionally, outsourcing Paratransit is not a great idea in his opinion.

Jessica Moore, Citizen

- Ms. Moore spoke of her child who has special needs and who rides TARC3 to and from school. Ms. Moore added that the issues are not with TARC3 but with the taxi drivers. The community has the ability to opt out of public transportation. Personally, Ms. Moore would like to have other safe options for the community to usage for transportation.

Charlie Sims, TAAC Committee Chair

- Mr. Sims expressed a complaint involving a woman who had to wait for her ride from TARC.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes were tabled due to no quorum. We will resume during the next Board Meeting in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE / ADMINISTRATION

Resolution 2019-40 2019 Contract Negotiations – TARC and ATU 1447

A resolution approving a contract between TARC and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1447, for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022.

- Mr. Risco would like to thank Gary Thompson and Theo Hamilton. The negotiations took a day and a half and we were able to come to an amicable agreement. We would like to advance to the final approval.

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Resolution 2019-41 P-2695 Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an insurance policy with Arch Insurance Company for the 2019/2020 policy year.

- Mrs. Blanton presented a quote received from the Arch Insurance Company that has retention of \$500,000.00 with an annual premium of \$298,389. The current policy with The Underwriter's Group will expire on August 31, 2019.

The resolution was tabled due to no quorum. We will resume during the next Board Meeting in September.

Resolution 2019-42 Ferdinand L. Risco, Jr., Executive Director

A resolution authorizing the Human Resource Department to increase the Executive Director Ferdinand L. Risco, Jr's pay to an annual starting salary of \$190,000 retro back to April 21, 2019 based on the agreed annual starting salary for the Executive Director.

Chairman Powell stated that Mr. Risco's compensation was reviewed. We want to ensure Mr. Risco receives compensation for his transition to Executive Director. As of to date, Mr. Risco has not received compensation.

The resolution was tabled due to no quorum. We will resume during the next Board Meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Aida Copic presented on the LINC/COA update.

- Mrs. Copic announced that TARC is in 11 months into the project with LINC. Significant milestones have been made. The key highlights of this project consist of our goals which include our system, performance, customers and solutions. Our keys for success consist of route alignment, frequency, span of service, transfer opportunities and operational and safety issues.

MEDIA REPORT:

Max Maxwell presented.

- TARC kicked off our 45th Anniversary with a breakfast for TARC staff.
- Digital marketing campaign and strong media campaign.
- Working with ZED on issues with the application.
- Community Outreach with KIPDA, Norton Healthcare, and the Kentucky State Fair.
- Upcoming events include:
 - 45th Birthday Celebration with the Louisville Bats - August 29th
 - WorldFest – August 30th – September 2nd
 - The Mayor’s Hike, Bike and Paddle – September 2nd
 - LG&E Transit Fair – September 3rd
 - 45th Anniversary Food Truck Festival – September 12th
 - 45th Anniversary Proclamation & Time Capsule – September 16th
 - Louisville Pride Festival – September 21st

TREASURER’S REPORT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Risco presented on the Treasurer’s Report.

- We are closing the gap on our financial situation. We have to close the gap and build reserves. Our revenue over our expenses is flat. We have a \$100 million dollar budget. Our actual revenue and expenses versus our budget is flat. We are down \$569,000.00. Our Mass Transit Trust Fund (MTTF) is \$14.2 million. We are pushing our labor and fare wages were negotiated. Our staff was reduced. We will continue to understand our finances as we close for FY19 and go into FY20. Our expenses are down by \$1.1 million. We are renegotiating contracts while being cognizant of our purchases. We have discussed partnerships with the University of Louisville and Jefferson County Technical College. We are also relaunching corporate projects. We have deferred some of our capital projects.

Ms. Mulvihill expressed concern about the usage of the TARC buses and how long the buses will be used that need to be replaced or repaired.

- Mr. Risco responded that he and Mr. Frantz are seeking other resources for funds from TARC stakeholders. On average each bus costs \$550,000 and 15 months to produce. We will reach out to other agencies to purchase used buses. We are looking at an application with the FTA for buses if we are approved. We continue to participate at our statewide facilities. Mr. Frantz and I will attend the upcoming budget session and we will discuss Workforce Development.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Mr. Powell announced that he is stepping down from the Board. His last Board Meeting will be September 24th.

- Mr. Powell stated it has been an honor to have been a member of the TARC Board for 15 years, 10 years as Chair. Mr. Powell would like to thank Ferdinand L. Risco, Jr., Executive Director and the bus drivers. Best wishes to all.
- Mr. Risco thanked Mr. Powell for his Leadership.

Ellen Heslen presented a proclamation to Chairman Powell from Mayor Greg Fischer.

Adjournment:

Adjournment at 2:35 P.M.



Cedric Merlin Powell
Chair

Date