



CATS Public Hearing & Board of Commissioners September Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2024
4:30 pm

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm by President deGeneres.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Present
Melissa deGeneres	President	Present
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	Present
Patrick Downs	Member	Absent
Johnathan Hill	Vice-President	Present
Antoinette Pierre	Member	Present
Tremaine Sterling	Member	Present
Frederick Thomas	Member	Present
John Vukovics	Treasurer	Present

3. **Public Comment**
NONE

4. **APPROVAL August 15, 2024, Monthly Board Minutes**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Hill

YEAS: Coleman, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

5. **President's Announcements**

6. **Administrative Matters**

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8. **Audit Presentation**

9. **New Business**

- a) **Approval of resolution to levy ad valorem taxes for 2024, as adjusted after reassessment, on all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the Capital Area Transit System within the boundaries of the City of Baker to provide funds for the purpose of improving the availability and quality of public transportation for the City of Baker, including decreasing wait times, improving the efficiency of routes, and improving signs and shelters, and to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and acquisition needs of the Capital Area Transit System to provide transportation service.**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Coleman

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- b) **A resolution adjusting and levying the ad valorem tax millage rate for 2024 back to the prior year's (2023) maximum approved millage rate, on all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the Capital Area Transit System within the boundaries of the City of Baker to provide funds for the purpose of improving the availability and quality of public transportation for the City of Baker, including decreasing wait times, improving the efficiency of routes, and improving signs and shelters, and to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and acquisition needs of the Capital Area Transit System to provide transportation service.**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Coleman

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- c) **A resolution to levy ad valorem taxes for 2024, as adjusted after reassessment, on all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the Capital Area Transit System within the boundaries of the City of Baton Rouge to provide funds for the purpose of improving the availability and quality of public transportation for the City of Baton Rouge, including decreasing wait times, improving the efficiency of routes, and improving signs and shelters, and to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and acquisition needs of the Capital Area Transit System to provide transportation service.**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Coleman

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- d) A resolution adjusting and levying the ad valorem tax millage rate for 2024 back to the prior year's (2023) maximum approved millage rate, on all property subject to ad valorem taxation by the Capital Area Transit System within the boundaries of the City of Baton Rouge to provide funds for the purpose of improving the availability and quality of public transportation for the City of Baton Rouge, including decreasing wait times, improving the efficiency of routes, and improving signs and shelters, and to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and acquisition needs of the Capital Area Transit System to provide transportation service

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Coleman

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- e) Consideration and approval of the October 2024 Comprehensive Operation Analysis Service Change

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Vukovics.

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- f) Consideration and approval of the Robert Half Contract Extension

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Vukovics

YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

- g) **Consideration and approval of the Chief of Minds Contract Extension'**
MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Dennis, Downs
- h) **Consideration and approval of the LUBA Workers Compensation Insurance**

MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Dennis, Downs
- i) **Consideration and approval to authorize the CATS CEO to execute a contract for the ADA Accessible Bus Stop Improvement Project, in accordance with Consent Decree CV 20-644-SDD-RLB**

MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

Enter Exec Session

MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Coleman, deGeneres, Dennis, Hill, Pierre, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Dennis, Downs

Adjournment
deGeneres/Pierre