

CATS Board of Commissioners
Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

RECORDING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by President Hill.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Present
Desiree Collins	Member	Present
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	Present
Arthur Dubriel	Member	Present
Debra Hamilton	Member	Present
Johnathan Hill	President	Present
Tremaine Sterling	Member	Present
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	Present

4. Public Comment

Lee Patterson
Giliano Campesi
Ben W.
Alicia Cerquone
Jade Woods
Rosalie Washington
Mable Eisely
Willie Travis (9c)
Dante Jackson (9c)

5. Approval of the July 15, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Coleman

SECONDER: Dubriel

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

6. President's Announcements

Commissioner Hill welcomed new commissioner Desiree Collins.

Commissioner Collins shared remarks.

Commissioner Coleman acknowledged the public comments.

7. Administrative Matters

- Employee recognized for the month of July:
 - o Cheri Soileau will complete five years of service this month.
- Mr. Richards recognized the newest commissioner, Desiree Collins.
- He mentioned the results from the CRI Audit revealed that to the 2024 audit only had one finding.
- The recent service changes began on July 13, 2025, as a suggestion from the Comprehensive Operational Analysis. It is phase one of three. The team met on August 1 to evaluate the route performances and have adjusted Route 21 due to the demand.
- More route changes to come in October 2025
- Council on Aging two-day event in September
- Love Heals Clinic Sponsor on August 23
- Two bus ride sessions for the board of commissioners are set for July and August.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Executive: Mr. Johnathan Hill
- b. Technical, Policies & Practices: did not meet
- c. Audit: combined with F&E
- d. Community Relations & Planning: Mr. Frederick Thomas

9. New Business

- a. **Consideration and approval to to adopt and levy the ad valorem tax millage rate of 10.60 mills for the City of Baton Rouge for the year 2025**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Dubriel

SECONDER: Dennis

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

- b. **Consideration and approval for Approval to adopt and levy the ad valorem tax millage rate of 10.60 mills for the City of Baker for the year 2025**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Dubriel

SECONDER: Collins

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

- c. **Consideration and approval of of River North Contract Amendment
Contract Amount: \$2,700,000.00**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Dubriel

SECONDER: Collins

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

d. Consideration and approval of LUBA

Contract Amount: \$2,700,000.00

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Coleman

SECONDER: Dubriel

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION - These matters may be discussed in Executive Session

a. Strategy and status regarding collective bargaining negotiations for a renewed contract with ATU Local 1546.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Started – 5:26 pm

MOVER: Coleman

SECONDER: Dubriel

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Ended – 6:02 pm

MOVER: Coleman

SECONDER: Dubriel

YEAS: Coleman, Collins, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

11. Adjournment – 6:03 p.m. Dubriel/Hill