

CATS Board of Commissioners
Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025
4:30 pm

MINUTES
RECORDING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Hill.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Present
Melissa deGeneres	Member	Present
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	Present
Arthur Dubriel	Member	Present
Johnathan Hill	President	Present
Tremaine Sterling	Member	Present
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	Present
John Vukovics	Treasurer	Present

4. Public Comment

George Decuir
Rosa Lee Washington
Dixon

5. Approval of the May 20, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Vukovics

SECONDER: Coleman

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

6. President's Announcements

- Commissioner Hill recognized the anniversary of the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott.
- He yielded the remainder of his time to allow Commissioner deGeneres to share her remarks. During these remarks she announced her resignation from her position with the CATS Board of Commissioners.

7. Administrative Matters

- a. Legislative Update – Southern Strategy Group Partners Rodney Braxton and Kevin Cunningham provided an update on legislative bill
- b. CEO Updates - Theo Richards
 - Mr. Richards thanked Commissioner deGeneres for the time, effort and work she provided during her service years.
 - Employees recognized for the month of June:
 - o Crystal Burks will complete ten years of service this month.
 - o Eric Ferguson will complete ten years of service this month.
 - o Gary Cooper will complete ten years of service this month.
 - CATS has partnered with Baton Rouge General Hospital and Southern University School of Nursing via Ochner Health to provide free health screenings from their mobile health units. The BRG Unit parks at CATS Terminal on Mondays. The JagMobile comes on two Wednesdays out of the month.
 - Juneteenth Holiday will be recognized on June 19. Buses will run on a Saturday schedule in observance of the holiday.
 - Service change is still anticipated for June 29.
 - Mr. Richards gave time to Human Resources Director, Ms. Porche to share details about the quarterly town hall the department is preparing for. Ms. Porche mentioned that the previous town hall was cancelled to better prepare.
 - CATS worked with EBR City Parish to provide five high school workers to gain work experience throughout the agency.
 - Ms. Porche responded to a question from Commissioner Coleman about the training and expectations for CATS employees. Ms. Porche responded that the training is in progress and on the department's radar because there is a need for all to improve their customer service, be it a customer externally or internally.
 - Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Hines recognized the finance team for the continued audit improvement and meeting the deadline.
 - Ms. Hines provided the June monthly report. She responded to a question from Commissioner deGeneres

8. Committee Reports

- a. Finance & Executive: Mr. Johnathan Hill
- b. Technical, Policies & Practices: did not meet
- c. Audit: the final report will be on time on June 30th
- d. Community Relations & Planning: Mr. Frederick Thomas

9. New Business -- None

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

- a. **Consider entering into executive session, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), to discuss the CEO's annual evaluation.**

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Dubriel

SECONDER: Coleman

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

11. Adjournment – 6:00 p.m. Dubriel/Hill