

CATS Board of Commissioners
Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 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 4:32 p.m. by President Hill.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. Public Comment

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

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Thomas

SECONDER: Dubriel

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Coleman, Downs

6. President's Announcements

Commissioner Hill recognized the passing of former Mayor-President Melvin "Kip" Holden. He also wished Commissioner Thomas a happy birthday.

7. Administrative Matters

a. CEO Update - Theo Richards

- Mr. Richards also acknowledged the passing of former Mayor-President Melvin "Kipp" Holden.
- Employees recognized for the month of May:
 - o Khireston Scott will complete ten years of service this month.

- Derek Phenald will complete 20 years of service this month.
 - Karen Denman will complete 30 years of service this month.
- He introduced new Human Resources Director, Shannon Porche.
 - Ms. Porche gave a brief introduction
- Information about decline in services compared to April 2024; The decline is due to Plank Road construction, holiday schedule, etc.
- Outreach for upcoming COA Service changes in progress; Outreach is taking place at hubs as opposed to community centers. Hubs include Earl K. Long, CATS Terminal, Mall of Louisiana, Amazon-Cortana and Scotlandville. Service changes are expected to begin on June 29
- Safety and Human Resources Departments are facilitating an agency wide step challenge, and all are encouraged to join
- April 2025 budget presentation (Sunnie Hines)

8. Committee Reports

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

9. New Business

- a. Consideration and approval of Proposed COA Service Changes
 RESULT: ACCEPTED
 MOVER: Dennis,
 SECONDER: Thomas
 YEAS: deGeneres, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
 NAYS:
 ABSTAIN:
 ABSENT: Coleman, Downs

Public Comment: Shavez Smith and Rosa Lee Washington

- b. Consideration and approval of Disposal of Equipment/Vehicles
 RESULT: ACCEPTED
 MOVER: Dennis
 SECONDER: Dubriel
 YEAS: , deGeneres, Dennis, , Dubriel, Hill, Thomas, Vukovics Sterling
 NAYS:
 ABSTAIN:
 ABSENT: Coleman, Downs
- c. Consideration and approval of House Bill No. 84 and House Bill No. 179 and any action related there to
 RESULT: ACCEPTED
 MOVER: Vukovics
 SECONDER: Dubriel
 YEAS: deGeneres, Dennis, Dubriel, Hill, Sterling, Thomas, Vukovics
 NAYS:
 ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Coleman, Downs

10. Adjournment – 5:13 p.m.
Dubriel/Hill