CATS Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type	**Regular Board Meeting**
Meeting Date	**July 21, 2026**
Meeting Time	**4:30 p.m.**
Meeting Location	**CATS Administration Building - 350 N. Donmoor Ave., Baton Rouge, LA**
Meeting Recording	**July 2026 Board Meeting**

1. Call To Order

Mr. Thomas called the monthly board meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	Present
Desiree Collins	Member	Present
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	Present
Arthur Dubriel	Member	Present
Debra Hamilton	Member	Present
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	Present
Tremaine Sterling	Member	Present
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	Present
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Anthony

Rosalie Washington

Dante Jackson

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. *Recommendation for Approval of the June 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes –*

Mr. Frederick Thomas

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA - Seconded
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Moved
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

6. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Waived announcement until later.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Mr. Richards presented recognition for employees earning the Extra Mile Awards.
    - Tracy Hooks called 911 and directed the EMS to assist in a passenger medical emergency.
    - Jerrica Shropshire was recognized for her teamwork and service excellence as Employee of the Month.
    - Mr. Richards also recognized that the CLAWS (CATS Leadership and Workforce Synergy) Team launched and consits of employees from all departments. The first initiative is the Extra Mile Awars and a "Walk in My Shoes" bus riding exercse.
- Mr. Fuselier provided the financial balances as of June 31, 2026.
    - Mr. Fuselier presented preliminary, unaudited financials for the period ended June 30, 2026.
    - Total operating revenue was $17.56 million, below the $19.32 million YTD budget by $1.76 million.
    - Total operating expenses were $13.09 million, favorable to budget by $5.81 million.
    - CATS reported a net surplus before depreciation of $4.47 million and a net surplus after depreciation of $3.07 million.
    - As of June 30, CATS reported $66.42 million in total assets, $9.93 million in total liabilities, and $56.49 million in net assets.

- Mr. Richards reported that CATS is actively hiring operators, mechanics and utility technicians; There are currently 14 bus operators in training.
- The Annual Audit is targeted for completion by the end of the week and will be submitted to City Parish.
- The FTA Triennial Review Findings have been reduced from 45 to 1 remaining which is already being corrected.
- An update on the BRt Project and the North Transit Center have been deferred to executive session.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendation for Approval to adopt and levy the ad valorem tax millage rate of 10.60 mills for the City of Baton Rouge for the year 2026.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

b. Recommendation for Approval to adopt and levy the ad valorem tax millage rate of 10.60 mills for the City of Baker for the year 2026.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status

Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

c. *Recommendation for Approval of On Demand Service Provider = ADA Paratransit & Microtransit – NTE $10,593,702.00 (two years)*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Moved
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA - Seconded
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

d. *Recommendation for Approval to renew Tyler Munis ERP System – NTE $93,491.00*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Seconded
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Moved
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

e. *Recommendation for Approval of the Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - Bus Rapid Transit*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA - Moved
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

f. *Recommendation for Approval to extend contract with Keystone Consulting Group, for up to three months. - NTE; $50,000*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Moved
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA - Seconded
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

g. Approval to amend the agenda to add discussion of strategy regarding the North Transit Center

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA - Seconded
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

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

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

b. North Transit Center

Enter into executive session – 5:17 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

End Executive Session – 6:05 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA - Moved
Desiree Collins	Member	YEA
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA
Debra Hamilton	Member	[redacted]
Johnathan Hill	President	Absent
Gerald King	Member	YEA - Seconded
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	Absent

Adjournment – 6:46 p.m.