

CATS Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type	Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Date	June 16, 2026
Meeting Time	4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location	CATS Administration Building - 350 N. Donmoor Ave., Baton Rouge, LA
Meeting Recording	June 2026 Board Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mr. Hill 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	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	Present
Arthur Dubriel	Member	Present
Debra Hamilton	Member	Present
Johnathan Hill	President	Present
Gerald King	Member	Absent
Tremaine Sterling	Member	Present
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	Present
Ashle' Young	Member	Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Miller
Andre Williams
Dante Smith

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. ACTION ITEM - *Recommendation for Approval of the May 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Johnathan Hill*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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

6. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Waived announcement until later.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Lobbyist Kevin Cunningham provided an overview of 2026 legislative session.
 - o House Bill No. 416 by Representative Dixon McMakin would have redirected \$1.2 million from CATS to economic development, representing \$7 million total impact with federal match. After conversations involving board and partnership, the bill was ultimately dropped
 - o House Bill No. 204 required enhanced reporting to legislative auditor specifically for CATS and Council on Aging; The bill was deferred.
 - o Southern Strategies Group successfully prevented passage of bills that would have negatively impacted CATS funding
- Mr. Richards presented recognitions for employees celebrating service anniversaries.
 - o Five Year Anniversaries: Kimberly Celestine, George Davis, Dante Jackson, Ronald Jackson, Derek Smith, Candace Thomas and Dorothea Young
 - o Ten Year Anniversaries: Demetrius Gulley, Rhonda Kimbel, Me'Lond Pierre
 - o Fifteen Year Anniversaries: Theo Richards
- Mr. Fuselier provided the financial balances as of May 31, 2026.

- The financials shows that CATS is in a position to show positive property tax revenue variance.
- CATS cash position is adequate for 2.5 months
- Maintenance budget exists but cash flow and supply chain issues impact execution.
- 2025 Audit still underway and will be finished by extension deadline.
- The finance department will have a detailed maintenance budget review meeting soon
- Mr. Richards reported that CATS is actively hiring operators, mechanics and utility technicians.
- The NTD Report was submitted and under review with the FTA
- Staff recently had a positive meeting with the Capital Region Planning Commission about establishing a regional mobility coalition framework.
- CATS recently participated in the North Baton Rouge tour with Mayor Edwards, Councilman Kenney and Gary Chambers to highlight community asses and concerns
- Mr. Richards met with Mayor Waites to discuss expanding partnership and services for the City of Baker
- TSA Administrators visited for discussions on safety, security and cybersecurity partnerships and potential funding opportunities
- CATS currently has five student workers from the EBRSS Summer Employment Program

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 - None

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

- a. Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), discuss the character and professional competence of an employee.

Enter into executive session – 5:35 p.m.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA - moved
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA
Debra Hamilton	Member	

Johnathan Hill	President	YEA
Gerald King	Member	Absent
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	YEA - seconded

End Executive Session – 6:45 p.m.

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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Carolyn Coleman	Member	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA – moved
Debra Hamilton	Member	
Johnathan Hill	President	YEA
Gerald King	Member	Absent
Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA - seconded
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA
Ashle' Young	Member	YEA

Adjournment – 6:46 p.m.