

CATS Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Type	Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Date	March 17, 2026
Meeting Time	4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location	CATS Administration Building - 350 N. Donmoor Ave. Baton Rouge, La.
Meeting Recording	March 2026 Board Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mr. Hill called the monthly board meeting to order at 4:35.

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

None

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. ACTION ITEM - *Recommendation for Approval of the February 24, 2026, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and the February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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

b. ACTION ITEM - *Recommendation for Approval of February 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	YEA - Seconded
Desiree Collins	Member	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Motioned
Debra Hamilton	Member	
Johnathan Hill	President	YEA - Motioned
Gerald King	Member	Absent

Tremaine Sterling	Member	YEA - Motioned
Frederick Thomas	Vice-President	YEA - Seconded
Ashle' Young	Member	

6. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Commissioner Hill announced that the board will soon restructure it's committees and notify him of the committees they would be interested in serving.
- Commissioner Hill shared that two bills have been filed in the legislature and will affect CATS. Those bills are House Numbers 204 and 416. House Bill No. 204 would require CATS to submit bank statements to the legislator audit office monthly. House Bill No. 416 would reallocate \$1.5 million from the community improvement enhancement fund to another entity. CATS Board began conversations with the entity to partner and determine how they can stop the bill from moving forward. Commissioner Hill stated the board should be prepared to come together and make an official position on the bills as they receive more information.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- New cadet class recently completed (eight in training and four already operating). The Human Resources Dept. is still recruiting to fulfill the open positions (utility techs and operators). The next open house at CATS will be on March 26 at the Florida Blvd. Administrative building.
- CATS was recently notified that we will be awarded \$200,000 from the Federal Transit Agency to make cosmetic renovations at 2222 Florida Blvd, the main terminal.
- CATS re-engaged with Southern Strategies to work alongside CATS as we navigate through the two-house bills, specifically 416 as it is anticipated to have a direct impact on our service and operations. The funding typically goes to capital projects, purchasing new vehicles, building structures, etc. This funding is used to match federal dollars. If the bill passes, it will prevent growth. The funding goes
- CATS will participate in the EBR Council on Aging Senior Skip Day and Junior League's Touch-A-Truck events
- CATS will soon unveil our travel training program
- Via will be doing community engagement in quarter two.
- Mr. Achilles Williams presented the financial report for the month and answered all questions.

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. *Recommendation for Approval of the 2026 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and authorization for Board officers to execute the Compliance Questionnaire*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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

- b. *Recommendation for Approval of Renewal of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson Legal Services Contract; Not to Exceed \$150,000.00.*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded
Debra Hamilton	Member	

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

c. *Recommendation for Approval of Renewal of Hammonds, Sils, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins Legal Services Contract; Not to Exceed \$175,000.00.*

RESULT: ACCEPTED

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

d. *Recommendation for Approval of Renewal of Approval of Property Insurance Renewal; Not to Exceed \$82,832.28.*

e. RESULT: ACCEPTED

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	YEA
Desiree Collins	Member	Absent
Michelle Dennis	Secretary	YEA
Arthur Dubriel	Member	YEA - Seconded

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

Adjournment – 4:46 p.m.