



CATS March Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

4:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Vice-President Pierre. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was held.

1. ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Dr. Peter Breaux | Member | Present |
| Carolyn Coleman | Member at Large | Present |
| Melissa DeGeneres | President | Absent |
| Patrick Downs | Secretary | Absent |
| Johnathan Hill | Member | Absent |
| Linda Perkins | Member | Present |
| Antoinette Pierre | Vice-President | Present |
| Frederick Thomas | Member | Absent |
| John Vukovics | Treasurer | Present |

2. Public Comment

Public comments were provided by Michael Day, and he requested an article be submitted for the record.

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/opinion/letters/letters-baton-rouge-rider-laments-cats-paratransit-efforts/article_c75ca2e9-86ef-5e7d-8337-8889935cb6d4.html?mode=comments

Public comments were provided by Ralph Cater. Lights at bus stops. Not waiting a few seconds for customers to stop transfers. Television in the waiting area. No drop off at south side of Cortana Mall. (SUV) Why don't they pick up passengers after 2 hours of no shows.

APPROVAL Consideration of approval extending the public comment for additional two minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Pierre
SECONDER: Coleman
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: DeGeneres, Downs, Hill, Thomas

3. Approval of the March 21, 2023, Annual & February 28, 2023, Monthly Board Minutes–
Ms. Antoinette Pierre

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Vukovics

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: DeGeneres, Downs, Hill, Thomas

4. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Antoinette Pierre
None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Executive Report by CATS Executive Staff was presented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANY ACTION THEREON

1. Finance and Executive: Ms. Antoinette Pierre
 - Ms. Pierre noted the minutes are in the packet.
2. Technical, Policies and Practices: Dr. Peter Breaux
 - Dr. Breaux noted the minutes are in the packet and the committee approved the DBE Policy.
3. Audit: Mr. John Vukovics
 - Mr. Vukovics noted the minutes are in the packet.
4. Planning: Mr. Patrick Downs.
 - Mr. Downs noted the minutes are in the packet.
5. Community Relations: Ms. Linda Perkins
 - Ms. Perkins noted the minutes are in the packet.
6. CEO Search Committee: Mr. Jonathan Hill
 - Ms. Coleman provided an update on the board.

7. Action Items

APPROVAL - Consideration of approval of the entering executive session.

I will entertain a motion to enter into executive session on the below listed matters for the following reasons: a) involves a discussion of the character and professional competence of a person; and b) involves strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to open litigation. An open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of this body. No action will be taken in the Executive Session.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Started 5:04 pm

MOVER: Perkins

SECONDER: Breaux

YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: DeGeneres, Downs, Hill, Thomas

APPROVAL – To end Executive Session.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Ended 5:54 pm
MOVER: Perkins
SECONDER: Vukovics
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: DeGeneres, Downs, Hill, Thomas

APPROVAL – Consideration of settlement re: John Cutrone v. Capital Area Transit System, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-2019

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Perkins
SECONDER: Vukovics
YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: DeGeneres, Downs, Hill, Thomas

Adjournment
Perkins/Vukovics