

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2019

Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III	Mark Marcoplos
Sig Hutchinson	Michael Parker
Wendy Jacobs	Ellen Reckhow, Chair
Vivian Jones	Russ Stephenson
Valerie Jordan (left 1:26 p.m.)	

Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Robinson (by phone)	Steve Schewel (excused)
Andy Perkins	Nina Szlosberg-Landis (excused)

Chair Ellen Reckhow officially called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Hutchinson the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

President and CEO Mann announced the hiring of Shawn McAlister, Bus Operator and Finance Intern Elaina Chen.

B. Announcement of Promotions

Mann then announced the promotion of Katharine Eggleston from Project Development Manager to Chief Development Officer; Geordian Herron, from Project Intern to Project Controls Support Specialist; Andrea Neri, from Dispatcher/Operator to Transit Service Planner; and Priscilla Bond, from Administrative Assistant to Financial Administrative Support Technician.

C. Presentation of Service Awards

Mann recognized Tammy Romain for 15 years of service.

III. Public Hearing – Proposed FY20 Budget

Action: Chair Reckhow opened the public hearing on the proposed FY20 budget at 12:27 p.m. There being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

IV. Public Comment

No comments.

V. Consent Agenda

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Marcoplos the consent agenda was approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- May 22, 2019 – Regular Session Minutes;
- May 22, 2019 – Closed Session Minutes;
- June 4, 2019 – Special Session Minutes; and
- June 4, 2019 – Closed Session Minutes.

VI. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

1. Transit Operations Bus Repower Project Authorization

Committee Chair Sig Hutchinson presented a unanimous recommendation from the Committee to authorize the President/CEO to execute a contract for repowering 30 fixed route buses for a maximum of \$4.5 million, with \$2.25 million coming out of the FY20 budget and the remainder from the next budget year.

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Allen the Board authorized the President/CEO to execute a contract for a bus repower project with Midwest Bus Corporation for repowering up to 30 fixed route buses with a maximum dollar amount of \$4.5 million; \$2.25 million in FY20 and the balance in FY21. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. FY19 Budget Ordinance Amendments

Hutchinson then presented a recommendation from Committee to approve the FY19 budget ordinance amendments.

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Marcoplos the Board unanimously approved *Ordinance 2019 0004 GoTriangle Budget Ordinance Amendment*, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. FY20 Budget Ordinances

Hutchinson presented the FY20 budget ordinances, which he said were recommended by a vote of three to one by Committee. He said there was significant discussion about concerns by folks in Durham and Orange counties about 1) wind down costs and staffing for D-O LRT project, 2) small capital projects oversight and 3) administrative overhead. There was a request to reserve half of the support services allocation (\$2.6 million) while conversations are held with Orange and Durham staff about the budget.

Marcoplos suggested that adoption of the budget include the direction to GoTriangle staff to meet with staff from Orange County and Durham County, in consultation with other transit partners including Chapel Hill and the City of Durham, to:

- Consider any revisions to direct and indirect support allocations for Durham and Orange counties;
- Discuss possible transition of small capital projects to local project sponsors;
- Cost allocations between the partners; and
- Bring back a budget amendment reflecting any proposed changes supported by Durham and Orange County staffs by November 1, 2019.

Parker suggested that this language be included in the language of the budget ordinance.

Marcoplos provided a copy of the concerns from the Staff Working Group (Durham and Orange), which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Marcoplos the Board approved the budget ordinances (as amended to include the recommended language above) listed below, and the FY20 Wake Transit Work Plan, by a vote of seven to one with Jones voting against the motion. The ordinances and plan are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

- FY20 GoTriangle Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0005)
- FY20 Regional Bus Capital Project Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0006)
- FY20 Major Capital Project Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0007)
- FY20 Advanced Technology Project Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0008)
- FY20 Major Transit Investment Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0009)

- FY20 Triangle Tax District – Durham Operating Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0010)
- FY20 Triangle Tax District – Durham Capital Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2018 0011)
- FY20 Durham-Orange Special Tax District Fund Budget Ordinance – Durham County (O 2019 0012)
- FY20 Triangle Tax District – Orange Operating Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2019 0013)
- FY20 Triangle Tax District – Orange Capital Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2018 0014)
- FY20 Durham-Orange Special Tax District Fund Budget Ordinance – Orange County (O 2019 0015)
- FY19 Triangle Tax District - Wake Operating Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2018 0016)
- FY19 Triangle Tax District - Wake Capital Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2018 0017)
- FY19 Wake Special Tax District Fund Budget Ordinance (O 2018 0018)

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Michael Parker reported that the Committee received a presentation on the TOD report and offered suggestions.

VII. Other Business

A. DCHC MPO Board Alternate Representative

Chair Reckhow stated that the Board never appointed an alternate to the DCHC MPO board. She suggested appointing Mark Marcoplos.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Parker the Board appointed Mark Marcoplos as GoTriangle's alternate representative to the DCHC MPO Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

Robinson disconnected from the call.

B. Amendment to HR&A Contract (RUS Bus)

Shelley Blake stated that HR&A, the firm contracted to assist with RUS Bus, has assisted with the rezoning process more than initially expected. She requested increasing their contract by \$70,000 to help evaluate the RFPs.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Parker the Board authorized an amendment to the HR&A contract to increase the project budget by \$70,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Amendment to the Orange County Transit Plan to Increase Funding for the Chapel Hill Transit North South Bus Rapid Transit Project

Praveen Sridharan presented an amendment of the Orange County Transit Plan to include the North South Bus Rapid Transit (NSBRT) project. He stated that the amendment has been approved already by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Parker the Board approved an amendment to the Orange County Transit Plan, which increases funding for the NSBRT project by \$8 million in fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to \$14.1 million. The motion was carried unanimously. The amendment is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

D. President and CEO's Report

A list of contracts approved by the President and CEO is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Mann highlighted the following items:

- Staff is working with NCDOT and NCDMV to evaluate vanpool options to assist with the relocation of the DMV headquarters to Rocky Mount. One option being considered is an express bus service, but would require authorization from the Legislature to operate outside the three-county area.
- Applications have been submitted for two 5339 grants, \$11 million for vehicles and \$2 million for technology.
- We continue to work with NCDOT and the Turnpike Authority (NCTA) to evaluate the inclusion of transit on I-540, including infrastructure for transit services.

Parker suggested that GoTriangle staff develop some guidelines for road and highway projects to make them transit-friendly. Jacobs suggested a presenting this at the next joint MPO meeting on October 30th.

1. Transit Operations Report

Patrick Stephens stated that GoTriangle has purchased simulators from Central Ohio Transit Authority. His presentation on bus operator training simulators is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

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2. Wake Transit Update

Patrick McDonough's presentation on the Wake-Durham Commuter Rail Major Investment Study (MIS) is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

3. Pre-Planning for Commuter Rail

Jeff Mann presented the structure for the Project Management Committee, which will support the continued development of a viable commuter rail system on the North Carolina Railroad corridor to serve the greater multi-county Triangle region. The committee initially consists of representatives from Wake County, Durham County, Go Triangle, North Carolina Railroad Company (NCR), Research Triangle Foundation, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization. Additional members may be added as appropriate.

Parker asked for an update on the APTA review of the D-O LRT project. Mann responded that a panelist list will be sent this week and the team will be here the week of July 29th.

E. General Counsel's Report

No report.

F. Chair's Report

No report.

G. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen III reported that the FY20 Wake Transit work plan and the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail project management structure were approved. The group also received presentations on the Wake Transit Implementation Update that will extend it to 2030 and the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study update.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Ellen Reckhow reported that the DCHC MPO Board also received a presentation on the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study. She said the group also adopted a resolution to delay improvements in the NC 54 corridor to incorporate high capacity transit.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

See below.

4. RTA Leadership Briefing & Tour

Reports from Will Allen III, Vivian Jones and Ellen Reckhow are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VIII. Closed Session – Employee Performance

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Jacobs the Board adjourned into closed session at 2:45 p.m. pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The motion was carried unanimously.

Action: The Board returned to open session at 3:07 p.m.

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Stephenson the Board voted to accept the resignation of President and CEO Jeff Mann. The motion was carried 5 to 3 with Allen, Hutchinson and Jones voting in the negative.

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Stephenson the Board voted to name Shelley Blake Interim President and CEO, effective August 1, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Reckhow then read a statement regarding the resignation, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.


IX. Adjournment

Action: On by Allen the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.



Ellen Reckhow, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board