

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2019

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

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III

Sig Hutchinson

Wendy Jacobs

Vivian Jones

Valerie Jordan (arr. 12:20 p.m.)

Mark Marcoplos

Michael Parker

Ellen Reckhow, Chair

Jennifer Robinson

Steve Schewel

Russ Stephenson

Nina Szlosberg-Landis

Board Members Absent:

Andy Perkins

Chair Ellen Reckhow officially called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Reckhow recognized Shelley Blake Curran, interim president and CEO, and interim General Counsel Tom Henry. She also thanked Jeff Mann for his help in the transition of leadership.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

President and CEO Curran announced the hiring of Ronnie Jones and Lemuel Allen, bus operators; Antonio Diaz, service attendant; Cynthia Royster, customer information associate and Corey Hazel, paratransit operator.

B. Announcement of Promotions

Curran then announced the following promotions:

- Kaku Dadzie – Bus Operator I to Bus Operator II
- Shelley Blake Curran – General Counsel to Interim President and CEO
- Thomas Henry – Assistant General Counsel to Interim General Counsel
- Ronald Bejarano – Bus Operator II to Bus Operator III

C. Presentation of Service Awards

Curran recognized Richard Major and Harold Swann for 15 and 20 years of service, respectively.

D. Recognition of Service

Chair Reckhow presented former President and CEO Jeff Mann with a framed rendering of Raleigh Union Station in recognition of his service to GoTriangle.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- July 24, 2019 – Regular Session Minutes; and
- July 24, 2019 – Closed Session Minutes.

Jordan arrived.

V. Presentations

A. On-board Survey Results

Mike Charbonneau introduced Hugh Clark from CJI research to present the findings from the Triangle region passenger survey. The presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VI. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Sig Hutchinson reported on two action items.

1. Public Utility Easements at the Farrington Road Site

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Parker the Board adopted Resolution 2019 0001 *Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees Authorizing GoTriangle's President and CEO to Execute on an As-Needed Basis Any Instruments Confirming the Lawful Presence of Existing Public Utilities On, Over, or Across the 23-Acre Farrington Road Site*. The motion was carried unanimously. The resolution is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

2. Route 300 Weekend Routing Change

Hutchinson stated that Raleigh has so many weekend festivals that route 300 often is detoured. This change makes the detour permanent.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Marcoplos the Board approved routing change to route 300 weekend service. The motion was carried unanimously. The routing change overview is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VII. Other Business

A. 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.

Curran highlighted the following items:

- She has been meeting with external partners and staff.
- She attended the Grinnell Leadership Jumpstart.
- She shared the proposed agenda for the Board retreat. She stated that the facilitator would be sending a survey about the proposed agenda.
- Jeff Mann will be under contract in September to assist with Commuter Rail.
- RUS Bus received unanimous approval from the planning commission for the rezoning. RFPs from developers are due on Friday. A team including Wake County and the City of Raleigh will evaluate the proposals.
- Duke Energy has agreed to partner with GoTriangle on its electric buses. They will contribute \$10,000 per bus with "powered by Duke Energy" on the back and side. Parker asked about a more significant contribution towards the charging stations. Mann stated that they already had committed to \$100,000 for charging.
- NCDOT has agreed to look at the buss on shoulder system (BOSS) for I-540.

1. Capital Projects Report

Katharine Eggleston's presentation and report are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. She explained that it is a brief update on active capital projects which will be updated monthly.

2. County Transit Plans Update

Patrick McDonough's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He shared information about Durham's Engage Durham effort for the comprehensive plan update, Orange County and Wake County's BRT.

Steven Schlossberg shared that the City of Raleigh has applied for a small starts grant for 50% Federal participation in the New Bern Avenue BRT. They also received \$200,000 from Duke Energy for four bus chargers and \$1.6 million from the Low or No Emission Program for five electric buses.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Tom Henry thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as interim general counsel. He said there were no major developments to report, but the Operations & Finance Committee did receive a presentation about some big decisions related to buying out the Federal interest in real property owned by GoTriangle in Durham and Wake counties.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Reckhow named a President and CEO Search Committee and appointed these members: Nina Szlosberg-Landis, Chair; Steve Schewel, Vice Chair; Will Allen, Mark Marcoplos and Ellen Reckhow. She stated the Committee's authority and duties as follows:

- The committee shall establish and publish the date/time and location of its meetings.
- All actions taken by the committee, which are subject to a vote, should be decided by a majority of those in attendance at such meetings.
- The committee shall develop or enhance the job description of the president and CEO Position, if necessary.
- The committee shall secure, with the permission of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, the services of a professional external search firm to assist in the search, if it is the determination of the Search Committee that such services would be needed.
- The committee shall conduct the necessary interviews of potential candidates.
- The committee shall provide periodic reports to the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on the status of the search committee.
- The committee shall conduct background checks on the potential finalist(s) for the position, to include any references that may be provided on the candidates.
- The committee shall invite the GoTriangle Board of Trustees to meet the finalists or sit in on the final interviews.
- The committee shall obtain the approval of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees before making a final offer for the position.

Reckhow then stated that four proposals have been received from search firms.

Jordan asked that the committee make a good faith effort to ensure minority diversity in the process. Jacobs suggested that Jordan be added to the committee. Reckhow welcomed the addition of Jordan, who initially declined. Reckhow added that the by-laws stated any board member is considered an ex officio member of an ad hoc committee and the search committee meetings will be communicate to the full Board.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen III reported on three transit related items:

- Endorsed the Triangle polling study for further planning, which includes buses in the managed lanes.
- Approved the CRT system guidelines and evaluation framework and the scenario evaluation results.
- Held a public hearing and adopted the LAP for the New Bern BRT corridor.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

No report.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

No report.

VIII. Adjournment

Action: On motion by Parker the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.



Ellen Reckhow, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC

Clerk to the Board