

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2019

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

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III	Mark Marcoplos
Sig Hutchinson	Michael Parker, Chair
Wendy Jacobs	Ellen Reckhow
Vivian Jones	Steve Schewel
Valerie Jordan (arr. 12:28 p.m.)	Russ Stephenson

Board Members Absent:

Michael Fox (by telephone until 1:50 p.m.) Nina Szlosberg-Landis (by telephone)
Jennifer Robinson (excused)

Chair Michael Parker officially called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Marcoplos the agenda was adopted, removing oath of office for Michael Fox. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair Parker then expressed appreciation and thanks to outgoing officers Ellen Reckhow and Will Allen for their efforts, leadership and steadfast support of the organization. He also welcomed two new officers, Vivian Jones and Steve Schewel.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

President and CEO Curran announced the hiring of bus operators Gaye Stancil, Timothy Liles, Henry Keene, Katrina Kearns and Crystal Crews; paratransit operator Tashuia Williams; Scarlett Guerrero, customer information associate; Amy Pittman, administrative assistant finance and Chief Operating Officer Eric Bergstraesser.

B. Announcement of Promotions

Curran then announced the promotion of Cursena Boone-Warren from bus operator II to bus operator III and Rachelle Mbuangi from bus operator I to bus operator II.

C. Presentation of Service Awards

Curran then recognized Joseph Smith and Norman Elliott for 20 and 15 years of service, respectively.

D. Oath of Office – Michael Fox
Removed from agenda.

III. Public Comment
No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- August 28, 2019 – Regular Session minutes;
- September 25, 2019 – Retreat minutes;
- September 25, 2019 – Special Meeting minutes;
- Resolution 2019 0002 appointing interim president and CEO;
- Resolution 2019 0003 appointing interim General Counsel;
- 2020 meeting calendar; and
- 2020 health and ancillary benefits package (all current providers, no rate increases).

The resolutions and meeting calendar are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

V. Presentation

A. Update on Real Property Disposition and Utilization

Gary Tober's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He reviewed all the real estate assets owned by GoTriangle and stated that FTA is requiring disposition or buy out of the Federal interest in these downtown Durham and Wake County properties owned from the Regional Rail Project:

Site 1 – Appraised value \$2,320,000

- 400 W. Chapel Hill St
- 410 W. Chapel Hill St.
- 300 S. Duke St.
- 303 S. Duke St.
- 404 W. Chapel Hill St.

Site 2 – Appraised value \$490,000

- 309 S. Alston Ave.
- 1304 E. Pettigrew St.
- 1311 Humphrey St.
- 1315 Humphrey St.
- CSX S-Line Corridor (Wake County)

Jacobs asked how GoTriangle's reimbursement to FTA is determined. Tober responded the Federal share was 55.7% of total purchase price. Curran added that FTA would be reimbursed the greater of their original contribution or 55.7% of the current appraised property value.

The Board discussed the ongoing commuter rail feasibility study and the value of retaining ownership of some of these properties and delaying the reimbursement until a decision is made regarding the commuter rail project. Staff assured the Board there had been conversations regarding this with FTA; however, because the properties were purchased over ten (10) years ago and had not been used for a transit purpose during that time, FTA is requiring reimbursement.

The Board directed staff to compose a letter on behalf of the Board to the FTA, with a request to Representative David Price and other partners and stakeholders in the commuter rail project, to also send letters in support of allowing GoTriangle to retain ownership of these properties pending the results of the commuter rail feasibility study.

There also was discussion about the CSX S-line corridor in Wake County, with an appraised value of \$27.22 million. Hutchinson noted that there are active discussions ongoing with the NCDOT rail division about acquiring this corridor. Curran stated that one option is to set up repayment structure for buying back this property. The funds would come from GoTriangle, the Wake Transit Plan and NCDOT.

VI. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

1. Regional Mobile Ticketing Purchase Authorization

Committee Chair Hutchinson explained regional mobile ticketing will allow passengers to purchase and activate passes on a mobile device or smart card and scan them onboard the bus without purchasing a paper ticket. The cost of the system is \$750,000. Brian Fahey added that passengers also will be able to add value to their smart cards in approximately 600 retail locations in the Triangle.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Reckhow the Board authorized the president and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Delerrok, Inc. for a regional mobile ticketing solution, with a maximum dollar amount of \$750,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Mobile Ticketing

Action: On motion by Hutchinson and second by Reckhow the Board approved the ILA to enter into an agreement with the City of Durham, Town of Cary and City of Raleigh for the purchase of a mobile ticketing system. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. FY20 Proposed Budget Amendments

Hutchinson presented several budget amendments for GoTriangle and the three county transit plans.

Action: On motion by Schewel and second by Allen the Board approved the Wake Plan amendments and the seven related budget ordinances 2019 0019 - 2019 0025. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Wake County Park-and-Ride Feasibility Study

Hutchinson stated that this amendment continues work on the Wake County park-and-ride feasibility study.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Marcoplos the Board authorized the president/CEO to execute an amendment to the master agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for On-Call Engineering and Architectural Consultant Services, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$275,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. On-Call Professional Services Task Order for the Regional Transit Center (RTC) Relocation Study

Hutchinson said that this contract amendment continues work on the relocation of the Regional Transit Center.

Fox asked how the on-call vendors were originally chosen. Curran responded that an RFP for on-call services was issued. McDonough stated that Kimley-Horn won the preferred position for engineering and architectural consultant services and these two amendments are not separate contracts, but two task orders under same on-call agreement. Eggleston said there are a number of other firms engaged in work through the on-call pool, such as the feasibility study for the maintenance facility, RUS Bus and bus stop design work. The Board requested a list of on-call vendors, noting the DBEs.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Reckhow the Board authorized the president/CEO to execute an amendment to the master agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for On-Call Engineering and Architectural Consultant Services, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$465,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Recommended Service Changes for January 2020

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Marcoplos the Board approved the proposed service changes. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. President and CEO Search Committee Report

Committee Vice Chair Steve Schewel reported on behalf of the President and CEO Search Committee. He stated that KL2 is in the process of interviewing stakeholders about the desired qualities of the next president and CEO of GoTriangle. The responses will be used to compile a leadership profile for the position and along with the job description will be posted in mid-November. The schedule anticipates interviews of finalists mid to late January, with an offer being extended at that time.

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:

- The Raleigh City Council voted to approve the rezoning for RUS Bus. The agenda for the work session next week will include an in-depth presentation on the RUS Bus project and review of the responses received to the RFP.
- Wake Technical Community College will be joining GoTriangle's GoPass program in January.
- GoTriangle is providing buses to shuttle guests who will be attending NCDOT's groundbreaking for the final segment of I-540.
- The Board work session also will include a follow-up to identified action items from the Board's retreat in September.

1. Capital Projects Status Report

Katharine Eggleston's report is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. She stated that the Board will receive more detail on the major capital projects at the work session. She also discussed the design work that has begun on the next 50 bus stops for GoDurham.

2. ENGAGEDurham Update

Patrick McDonough reported that listening and learning sessions will be in November for ENGAGEDurham. In addition to hearing with the public wants in the city's comprehensive plan, there will be specific questions about the transit system. The process is making an intentional effort to reach people that local governments have done poor job of engaging in the past and will offer child care and Spanish translation at all the sessions. The Durham Transit

team will compile the information received from these sessions into policy goals that will be presented to the policy boards to adopt.

Fox disconnected from the call.

3. Wake Transit Update

Steven Schlossberg stated that the Board will receive a more detailed presentation on the Wake Transit Vision Plan next month. Raleigh has taken delivery of its second batch of CNG buses, with 40 in their active fleet now. Early results of the first buses are positive with savings realized on fuel. GoRaleigh also has started the first transit service in Rolesville. GoCary is scheduled to start transit in Holly Springs in January, which will accomplish the goal of connecting all Wake County communities.

4. Communications Update

Mike Charbonneau shared the new “Your Better Way to Go” campaign, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He stated that the campaign was designed without specific agency colors or logos in hopes of using it across the region. GoRaleigh, GoCary and GoDurham have joined the initial effort with rider profiles is being pushed out on social media and also television, radio and paid digital advertisements. The key anchor messages are stress-free, reliable and affordable. The campaign will run for one year and will rotate the profiles and featured riders.

Jacobs suggested that the videos be shared with the local governments to run on their television channels and monitors in their facilities.

B. General Counsel’s Report

General Counsel Tom Henry noted the following items:

- The legal department is involved on the Durham transit team to update the ILA from 2013.
- There is an upcoming public hearing on a rezoning on the ROMF property in Durham.
- The department is processing routine capital and operating agreements for the Wake County Transit Plan and GoTriangle GoPasses.

C. Chair’s Report

No report.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen III reported that the fiscal year 2020-29 TIP and air quality conformity report were approved unanimously.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Ellen Reckhow stated that the MPO Board sent a letter and Statement of Principles on the Triangle Strategic Tolling Study. The principles includes income and economic equity, transit and multimodal transportation, environment, programming and regional cooperation. Regarding transit she shared these points, which will be used in the DCHC MPO's evaluation of express toll lanes:

- Permit bus transit providers free use of the toll lanes
- Dedicate a portion of toll revenues to improve transit service in the corridor
- Dedicate a portion of toll revenues to implement other transportation improvements within the corridor
- Coordinate toll facilities and adopted transit plans to incorporate features such as bus access points, park-and-ride lots and bus stations

Jacobs added that it was suggested to discuss the principles at the next joint MPO Board meeting.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen III stated that he attended the annual I-40 partnership meeting.

4. Chatham-Orange Joint Planning Task Force Representative

No report.

5. Rail~Volution Conference

Will Allen III, Sig Hutchinson, Wendy Jacobs and Ellen Reckhow's reports from Rail~Volution are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. They each shared highlights from the conference.

VIII. Closed Session – Rail Operations Maintenance Facility (ROMF) Litigation Update

Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11.(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. The following cases will be discussed:

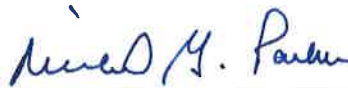
- GoTriangle v. Mary Hart
- GoTriangle v. Paula Sanders and Mary Hart
- GoTriangle v. Ella Day Turrentine

- GoTriangle v. Patterson's Mill, LLC

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Jones the Board entered into closed session at 2:28 p.m. pursuant to the General Statutes and purpose listed above. The motion was carried unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

Action: Immediately following the Closed Session, Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.



Michael Parker, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board