

Triangle Transit Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2015

Hamner Conference Center at the NC Biotechnology Center, 15 T.W. Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III
William V. "Bill" Bell
Ed Harrison

Bernadette Pelissier
Ellen Reckhow
Jennifer Robinson (arr. 10:23 am, left 2:26 pm)

Board Members Absent:

Mary-Ann Baldwin (excused)
Jim Crawford Jr. (excused)
Fred Day IV (excused)
Ed Grannis Jr.

Fred Foster Jr. (excused)
Vivian Jones
Jeff Sheehan (excused)

Chair William V. "Bill" Bell asked for reports in the absence of a quorum.

III. Reports

A. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Will Allen III stated the Committee received three bi-annual reports (regional call center, bus service performance and financial results) and made a recommendation for Raleigh Union Station.

B. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Bernadette Pelissier said that Damien Graham gave a legislative update and the Committee discussed the shortfall at the State level in transportation funding. The Committee also received an update on the Wake County Transit Plan and work on Triangle Transit's strategic plan from the retreat.

C. General Manager's Report

General Manager David King highlighted several items from his written report:

- The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was sent to the FTA Regional office on Monday for review. He said it did not include the last three miles because of recent refinements to that section. He said that material is expected to be complete by June.
- Secretary Foxx recently visited the area and said some positive things about our project.

Robinson arrived.

Action: With a quorum present Chair Bell officially called the meeting to order.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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

II. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property to the City of Raleigh for Raleigh Union Station

General Counsel Deborah Ross stated that the calculation of the amount to be refunded to the State has not been determined and is reflected in the resolution as “subject to confirmation of State share amount.”

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second Allen by the Board adopted *Resolution 2015 0001 Resolution of the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees Authorizing the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority DBA Triangle Transit to Sell Real Property to the City of Raleigh (NCGS §160A-274)*. The motion was carried unanimously.

III. Reports

D. General Counsel’s Report

General Counsel Deborah Ross noted several items from her report:

- Discussion is moving forward with the North Carolina Railroad regarding the alignment in downtown Durham.
- Ethics training has been completed for all staff.
- The legal team just returned from the APTA Legal Affairs Conference.

E. Chair’s Report

Chair Bell said that travel requests for FY16 should be submitted to the Clerk by March 20.

F. CAMPO TAC Representative

Will Allen stated that this month’s meeting was canceled due to snow.

G. DCHC TAC Representative

Bernadette Pelissier reported that someone from NCDOT attending the TAC meeting to address several concerns previously sent to NCDOT regarding the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the D-O LRT plan.

H. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen stated that there was a Tri-MAP meeting last week that included an update on high performance rail (formerly Southeast High Speed Rail). The group also received an update on the Wake County Transit Investment Strategy.

Action: On motion by Pelissier and second by Reckhow the reports were accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Status of Financial Model

Sandra Freeman introduced Sasha Page, Bill Bishop and Varun Halliker of IMG Rebel, whose presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

V. Lunch

Action: The board took a short recess at 12:25 for lunch.

VI. Media Training Short Course

Damien Graham introduced Joyce Fitzpatrick who shared tips on communicating with the media and public. Her handouts are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VII. Debt Policy Discussion

Sandra Freeman and Deborah Ross reported on a meeting with Wake County staff. Freeman said that staff would be developing a debt management policy as requested by Wake County. Ross added that Wake's bond counsel also shared information related to the bond market and credit ratings.

VIII. Review Strategic Plan & Action Items

David King stated that senior staff has been assigned to the five strategic initiatives that resulted from the Board's retreat in November. Staff is developing an action plan for implementing each initiative. Information from each group is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. Chair Bell requested that dates be assigned to each action item.

A. Finance/Revenues - Sandra Freeman

B. Land Use & Transit - Patrick McDonough

C. Communications - Damien Graham

D. Human Resources/Technology - Sandra Freeman

E. Partnerships - John Tallmadge

IX. Board Discussion

Pelissier asked that all the work groups report at the end of the fiscal year on their status.

Robinson left.

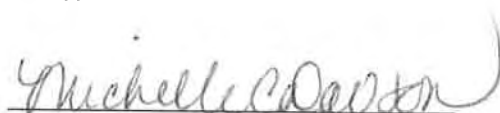
X. Adjournment

Action: Chair Bell the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.



William V. "Bill" Bell, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board