

Triangle Transit Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015
Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III	Ed Grannis Jr.
Mary-Ann Baldwin	Ed Harrison
William V. "Bill" Bell	Vivian Jones
Jim Crawford Jr.	Ellen Reckhow
Fred Day IV (left 2:10 pm)	Jennifer Robinson (left 2:25 p.m.)
Fred Foster Jr.	

Board Members Absent:

Bernadette Pelissier (excused)	Jeff Sheehan
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Chair William V. "Bill" Bell officially called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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

II. Recognition

A. Employees of the Month

None present.

B. Introduction of Other New Hires

General Manager King announced the hiring of Lauren Christie, paralegal; Herman Evans, mechanic II; Handy Godfrey, service attendant; Casey Herkimer, IT Intern; Elizabeth Macam, administrative assistant in Capital Development; and Willard Poindexter, network administrator

C. Announcement of Promotions

General Manager King announced the following promotions: Priscilla Bond to administrative assistant, Mary Simpson to paratransit operator II and Jeffrey Sullivan to public outreach associate.

King then recognized Damien Graham who presented an Above & Beyond Award to Erik Thompson for the Durham and Orange counties annual reports.

III. Public Comment

Chair Bell recognized Terry Rekeweg whose comments are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda item was approved:

- December 17, 2014 – Regular Session Minutes.

V. Presentations

A. Analysis of Primary Ridership Markets on D-O LRT

Patrick McDonough's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Reckhow the Board accepted the presentation. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. General Manager Search Committee Report

Committee Chair Fred Day stated that the consultant finalizing the expectations and competencies for the job advertisement which is scheduled to run in the next couple of weeks. The Committee anticipates bringing a recommendation to the Board in May.

C. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Allen reported that the Committee received a presentation on the portion of Triangle Transit's investments managed by SunTrust Robin Humphreys.

D. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Jennifer Robinson offered the report for the Committee. She said they received an update on the Wake County Transit Plan and discussed the importance of connecting to Durham County.

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Reckhow the Board accepted the three committee reports. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. New Business

1. Updated CAMPO MOU

Darcy Downs presented the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO).

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Allen the Board approved the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). The motion was carried

unanimously. A copy of the agreement is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

2. Lobbying Services Renewal

Damien Graham requested approval of a two year contract extension with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan For state level legislative advocacy services in the amount of \$5,000 per month.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Jones the Board approved an agreement with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan for state level legislative advocacy services with a fixed annual retainer of \$60,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Raleigh Union Station

Mary-Ann Baldwin requested recusal from voting on this item.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Jones the Board voted to recuse Mary-Ann Baldwin from voting on this item. The motion was carried unanimously.

Deborah Ross explained that these properties were purchased from the Dillon family for the legacy project, but now would be used for Raleigh Union Station. Triangle Transit has been in negotiations with the City of Raleigh and also in contact with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) about the process for selling the property. Raleigh has agreed to cover the State and Federal shares of the original purchase price. Triangle Transit, for its initial contribution, would get a \$1 lease for use of the facility for Triangle Transit services in addition to future commuter rail. Triangle Transit would make a contribution to commuter rail capital expenses equal to the amount of the State and Federal shares paid out over two fiscal years.

Reckhow asked about parking. Ross replied there would be parking for Union Station but not a park-and-ride lot.

Action: Allen made a motion which was seconded by Reckhow to approve the sale of Triangle Transit properties, subject to the terms arrived at by Triangle Transit and the City of Raleigh and approval by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Reckhow asked about making an investment for future commuter rail that might not happen. Ross said it would be a policy decision for the Board.

Bell asked if Triangle Transit could recoup its investment if commuter rail did not happen. Ross stated that it was not a term of the proposed term sheet.

Ross added that the funds for this project are from the Major Transit Investment Fund (MTIF) for FY15 and FY16. She said this money is for certain capital items, with funds from Orange and Durham counties being programmed through their bus and rail investment plans. She said once a Wake County transit plan is adopted, Triangle Transit will not have the same discretion for using the Wake portion of the funds.

Action: Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously. (Baldwin was recused and did not vote.) A summary of terms is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Day left.

VIII. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager David King highlighted several items from his written report, noting that ridership is remaining steady as gas prices continue to fall.

1. I-40/440 Fortify Update

Laurie Barrett gave an update on ridership, outreach and marketing activities.

Robinson left.

2. Triangle Regional Transit Program Update

Greg Northcutt shared maps of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project alignment through downtown Durham and the Alston Avenue/NCCU station, which are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

3. Legislative Update

Damien Graham reported that the President will release his budget next week and California Senator Barbara Boxer has announced that she will not run for re-election in 2016. He said that transportation reauthorization is a top priority, with the current authorization expiring this year and there has been a lot of change in leadership at FTA. He said that the discussion in Raleigh about eminent domain has started.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Jones the Board accepted the General Manager's report. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Deborah Ross noted several items from her written report, noting that the Special Tax Board met and elected officers. Reckhow stated that she was impressed with the interest by and interchange with the Wake representatives.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Reckhow the Board approved the General Counsel's report. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Bell reported on several meetings and conversations with the Duke University Chancellor and NCRR.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO TAC Representative

Will Allen III reported that new officers were elected and the 2016 Locally Administered Projects (LAP) include transit.

2. DCHC TAC Representative

Ellen Reckhow stated that DCHC also elected new officers.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen III stated that RTA's leadership tour is not differentiated from the Raleigh Chamber's InterCity visit.

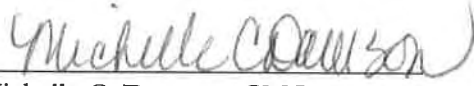
IX. Adjournment

Action: Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.



William V. "Bill" Bell, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board