

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2016

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

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III

Mary-Ann Baldwin (arr. 1:27 pm)

William V. "Bill" Bell

Jim Crawford Jr.

Fred Foster Jr.

Ed Harrison

Vivian Jones

Bernadette Pelissier

Ellen Reckhow

Jennifer Robinson

Jeff Sheehan

Board Members Absent:

Fred Day IV (excused)

Mike Charbonneau shared a video of American Underground from the #GoTogether campaign.

Chair William V. "Bill" Bell officially called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager Mann announced the hiring of bus operators Robin Morrison and Emanuel Weldon.

B. Announcement of Promotions

General Manager Mann announced the following promotions: Tellis Chandler, Interim Director of Bus Operations to Director of Bus Operations; Norman Elliott, Bus Operator II to Bus Operator III; Greg Langley, Bus Operator/Trainer to Training Coordinator; and Tim Morgan, Dispatch/Bus Operator to Dispatch/Supervisor I.

General Manager Mann recognized Demetrius Hyman, who represented GoTriangle in the 2016 NCPTA statewide Bus Roadeo in Concord on June 12, 2016. Demetrius won the 1st place trophy in the Bus Category for GoTriangle. Demetrius is an Operator III and has been an exemplary employee of GoTriangle since October 6, 1997.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- June 22, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes;
- June 22, 2016 – Closed Session A Minutes; and
- June 22, 2016 – Closed Session B Minutes.

V. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Allen stated that the Committee received a presentation on the Fitch Ratings site visit. He explained that the credit assessment is the first step towards establishing a formal credit rating. Allen added that the Local Government Commission (LGC) also participated in the meeting.

1. Vehicle Purchase Authorization

Allen then stated that the Committee is recommending that the Board approve the purchase of ten (10) new low floor Gillig buses for \$4.6 million, or \$430,000 each. He said the purchase is in conjunction with the City of Durham and 20% of the cost will be paid by GoTriangle from 5307 funds and four (4) buses are for service expansion and six (6) are replacements.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Pelissier the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of ten (10) low floor diesel buses from Gillig Corporation for fixed route service with a maximum dollar amount of \$4,633,450. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Light Transit Vehicle Purchase

Allen also presented a unanimous recommendation from the Committee for the purchase of five (5) 22-foot light transit vehicles for paratransit service. He said this is a joint procurement with the City of Fayetteville. The total cost is \$308,250, with GoTriangle contributing 10%.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Pelissier the Board authorized the General Manager to purchase five (5) light transit vehicles from Coach & Equipment Bus Sales Inc. per the City of Fayetteville Joint Procurement solicitation at a maximum price of \$308,250. The motion was carried unanimously.

General Manager Mann added that examples of both types of bus are on display in the parking lot.

Action: On motion by Pelissier and second by Reckhow the Board approved the Operations & Finance Committee report. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. New Business

1. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chair Bell stated that he has asked Bernadette Pelissier to represent Orange County and Fred Day to represent Wake County along with himself representing Durham County on the Nominating.

2. Amended Meeting Calendar

Chair Bell noted a change to the meeting calendar in the agenda; there will be no work session on October 12th.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Allen the Board approved the amended 2016/17 meeting calendar. The motion was carried unanimously. The calendar is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

3. Professional Services Contract - GEC

Dave Charters presented the request for approval of a professional services contract for the General Engineering Consultant with HDR. He allowed representatives from the firm to introduce themselves. Charters explained that staff is requesting approval of phase 1 for a term up to 3 months in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. He stated that this initial phase will help better define the cost and funding needs for the D-O LRT project. He noted the full project team list in the agenda as well as the DBEs, but stated that this initial phase would involve only HDR and one subcontractor, LTK Systems Engineering Services. Charters added that the tasks in the scope labeled "none" would be completed in a proposed phase 2 and in phase 3, to 100% final design.

Baldwin arrived.

The Board discussed the possible reduction of the system to a 2-car platform and were told 2-car trains would accommodate our projected ridership and save money.

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Allen the Board authorized the General Manager to execute Phase 1 of a contract with HDR Engineering Inc. for GEC Services for the D-O LRT for up to 3 months in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager Jeff Mann highlighted the following items from his written report:

- The adopted State budget has removed the \$500,000 light rail funding cap; however, State funding is now limited for any commuter or light rail project to no greater than 10% of the total project cost and the D-O LRT must re-compete for funding in the next round of prioritization in 2018, to be adopted in 2019. Staff is evaluating the impact of these provisions on the timing and financing of the project.
- Mayor Bell joined us Monday at a meeting in DC with FTA. We have requested time to re-evaluate the project budget with limited or no State funding.
- Staff has been working with the Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) developing by-laws.
- The June performance report, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes, indicated passenger trips are off significantly, 9% down for GoDurham and 13% for GoTriangle. On-time performance remains strong at 90% for GoTriangle and 86% for GoDurham.

1. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Program Update

No update.

3. Legislative Update

No update.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Shelley Blake noted that the legal department is working to get all contracts up-to-date and also providing support on the D-O LRT project and the Wake County Transit Plan.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Bell stated that he continues to be in communication with the General Manager and staff on various items.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

No meeting.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

No meeting.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Vivian Jones reported on behalf of Will Allen. She stated that General Manager Mann and John Tallmadge gave an update on GoTriangle's strategic plan. RDU gave an update on its RDU Vision 2040 and there was an I-40 update. Joe Milazzo announced that the State of Virginia has received funding to secure the CSX S-line rail corridor for high speed rail and he announced that the US 64/17 corridor has been designated as Interstate 87.

VII. Adjournment

Action: Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.



William N. "Bill" Bell, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board