

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2016

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

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III

Mary-Ann Baldwin

William V. "Bill" Bell

Jim Crawford Jr. (arr. 1:08 pm)

Fred Day IV

Fred Foster Jr.

Ed Harrison (arr. 1:03 pm)

Bernadette Pelissier (arr. 1:05 pm)

Ellen Reckhow

Jennifer Robinson (arr. 1:06 pm)

Jeff Sheehan

Board Members Absent:

Vivian Jones (excused)

Chair William V. "Bill" Bell officially called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager Mann announced the hiring of Sandra Brodie, Paratransit Operator; Jason Morgan, Environmental Planner; Jorge Salazar, Project Engineer; Joseph Billups, Audrina Morgan and Cynthia Williams, Bus Operators; Olalekan (Ola) Olatunji, Service Attendant; Dianne Pledger, Fundraising Specialist (part time); Danny Rogers, Project Director; Gary Tober, Real Estate Manager and Ren Wiles, Senior Accountant.

B. Announcement of Promotions

None.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- January 27, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes; and
- February 24, 2015 – Regular Session Minutes.

V. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

1. Vanpool Vehicle Purchase Authorization

Committee Chair Will Allen presented a recommendation from the Committee to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of Ford Transit 350 vehicles. He added that the purchase has been budgeted and the recommendation was unanimous.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Reckhow the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of up to seven (7) Ford Transit 350 vehicles from Piedmont Truck Center Inc. for a maximum dollar amount of \$220,733. The motion was carried unanimously.

Pelissier arrived.

2. Contract Increase for Financial Services Consulting (IMG)

Allen also presented a recommendation for a contract increase of \$30,000 for our financial services consulting firm IMG to further look into future financing methods. He added that the recommendation was unanimous by the Committee.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Day the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an increase in the IMG financial services consulting contract not-to-exceed value from \$514,233 to \$544,233. The motion was carried unanimously.

Robinson arrived.

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Bernadette Pelissier reported that the Committee discussed the agency's mission and vision statements and staff is working on another draft based on comments. The Committee will bring a recommendation to the Board and is suggesting that it go out for public input.

D. New Business

1. GoTriangle, Research Triangle Foundation (RTF) and Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) Partnership Proposal

General Manager Jeff Mann requested authorization to enter into a partnership with the RTF, RDU and NCRR to evaluate moving the Regional Transit Center (RTC) to the envisioned Park Center.

Crawford arrived.

Mann stated that these things will be studied and evaluated:

- Alternatives for the short term relocation of the RTC to Park Center.
- Future relocation of the RTC to the Triangle Metro Center (TMC).
- Improved linkage between the RTC and RDU.
- Improved circulator system in the Park.
- Methods of improving pedestrian and transit uses within RTC and the adjoining community.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Baldwin the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a partnership with the Research Triangle Foundation and Raleigh Durham International Airport for the purpose stated above. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Wake Transit Plan & Interlocal Agreement

John Tallmadge updated the Board on the Wake Transit Plan process and the schedule. He stated that an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) is being drafted to include Wake County, CAMPO, Go Triangle as well as the City of Raleigh, the Town of Cary and other Wake County MPO members. Go Triangle and CAMPO will conduct a joint public comment process and a public hearing on May 18th.

Robinson asked about adopting the plan the same day that public comment closes. Bell stated his concern with that schedule. Tallmadge stated that there would be public meetings throughout the county in addition to the public hearing. He added that the Wake County Board of County Commissioners wants to consider the item at their June 6th. Bell suggested that the Go Triangle Board consider adoption of the ILA and transit plan on May 25th. Reckhow and Robinson agreed.

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Allen the Board voted to set a joint public hearing with the CAMPO Executive Board on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, time and location to be determined. 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:

- Staff presented a project overview to the Transit and Aviation sub-committee of the House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions and continues to work with members in the Legislature to prepare for the short session.
- We met with FTA in Atlanta to discuss project status and answer any questions on the New Starts materials submitted.
- Bus operations has seen a large improvement, partially due to an additional weekend this February and weather-related issues last February. Go Triangle had a 24% increase in ridership and Go Durham, 14%. Productivity, measured by passengers per hour, was up 6.5% for Go Triangle and 1% for Go Durham. Go Triangle's on-time percentage remains at 88%, with Go Durham falling 1%. The system that tracks complaints is being upgraded so that data is unavailable.
- Total contracts approved by the General Manager for January and February totaled \$268,414.

Robinson stated that she just met with the Governor and he said that removing the light rail funding cap is one of his highest priorities. Reckhow noted a letter-to-the-editor in Sunday's Herald Sun praising the Go Durham service.

1. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Update

General Manager Mann then introduced Danny Rogers, the DOLRT project director. Rogers stated that he has worked the last nine years on Charlotte's light rail projects. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to be at Go Triangle. He asked Dave Charters to provide the monthly project update.

Charters stated that FTA's Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) visited last week to determine management capacity and capability to carry the project forward. FTA continues to review the New Start application submitted at the end of last month. Negotiations on on-going for the General Engineering Consultant (GEC) and proposals are due from firms interested in the Project Management Consultant (PMC) contract. A third contract, the Construction Management Consultant (CMC), will be procured this summer. Refinements are being made along the alignment based on comments received during DEIS public comment period.

2. Legislative Update

General Manager Mann reported that an offer has been made for the intergovernmental and community relations position and Tracy Kimbrell of

Parker Poe is Go Triangle's outside lobbyist. He stated that work continues in preparing for the upcoming short session of the General Assembly and the removal of the light rail funding cap.

B. Interim General Counsel's Report

Interim General Counsel Karen Porter noted the following items:

- The legal department will be hiring a new paralegal and an additional attorney, which was initially termed a real estate attorney, but knowledge of environmental litigation also is desired.
- Lease negotiations continue with NCRR for the segment of the rail project in downtown Durham. We continue to work with the FRA on jurisdictional issues and preparing the GEC contract.
- The legal department also is involved with the ILA with Wake County and CAMPO.
- Go Triangle has a new GoPass agreement with Kimley-Horn and a pilot agreement with TransLoc for the integration of the Uber application into the TransLoc application.
- We have responded to a request from the City of Durham to change the terms of a lease for the north parking garage so that the city may move forward with the sale of that property. We are having properties appraised that we own from the legacy project in Morrisville as well as the Wilson and Dillon buildings in downtown Raleigh.
- The potential litigation regarding the bus lease agreement for the Fortify project has been settled.

Reckhow asked if the north parking deck at American Tobacco will still be a park-and-ride facility. Porter responded yes, Go Triangle we retain its 150 spaces.

Sheehan asked nature of the potential litigation. Porter responded Go Triangle and the City of Raleigh were partners in a bus lease with a company out of Michigan. The buses proved to be not adequate and there was a dispute about physical problems with the buses and we owed additional monthly lease payments. Mediation was unsuccessful, but talks continued and working with the NCDOT we have a settlement.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Bell reported that he continues to stay in touch with the General Manager on important issues facing Go Triangle.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen III reported that CAMPO approved some small changes to the local prioritization methodology and modes. He added that there were questions about governance related to Wake Transit. He said no one was able to answer them very well.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Bernadette Pelissier reported that DCHC has been receiving reports from Go Triangle on the D-O LRT and held a public hearing on changes to the SPOT 4.0 prioritization process.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen III stated that there is an upcoming Tri-MAP meeting and a one-day visit to northern Virginia in late June to look at various transit modes.

4. APTA Legislative Conference

Chair Bell noted the written conference reports. He thanked the members for taking time to attend and providing written reports.

VII. Closed Session – Update from General Counsel Search Committee

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of a prospective public officer or employee.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Pelissier the Board adjourned into closed session at 1:49 p.m. pursuant to the General Statute and for the purposes listed above.

Action: The Board returned to regular session at 2:05 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Action: Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.



William V. "Bill" Bell, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board