

GoTriangle Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018

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

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III

Sig Hutchinson (arr. 12:46 p.m.)

Vivian Jones

Mark Marcoplos

Michael Parker

Ellen Reckhow, Chair

Jennifer Robinson (arr. 12:03 pm)

Steve Schewel

Nina Szlosberg-Landis

Board Members Absent:

Wendy Jacobs (excused)

Valerie Jordan

Andy Perkins

Russ Stephenson

Chair Ellen Reckhow officially called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Jones the agenda was adopted, adding designation as project sponsor for D-O LRT project. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

President and CEO Mann announced the hiring of Yavida Carmichael and Sheila Hill, Bus Operators; David Johnson, Paratransit Operator and O'Shun Williams, Facilities Coordinator.

B. Announcement of Promotions

Mann then announced the promotions of Richard Major to Director of Capital Development and David Moore, Senior Procurement Administrator.

Robinson arrived.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Public Hearings

A. Draft State Program of Projects for FY 2020

Chair Reckhow opened the public hearing at 12:04 p.m. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

V. Consent Agenda

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

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- September 26, 2018 – Regular Session Minutes; and
- Adopted *Resolution 2018 0010 Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees Authorizing the Filing of Applications with the US Department of Transportation and the NC Department of Transportation for Grants.*

VI. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Operations & Finance Committee Report

1. 2019 Health & Ancillary Benefits Package

Committee Chair Parker presented the Committee's recommendation for approval of the 2019 health and ancillary benefits package. He stated that significant savings have been achieved, reducing costs by \$111,500 for 2019.

- Renew medical policy with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina at a 3% premium decrease.
- Reduce the employee contribution for dependent medical coverage keeping the current cost share percentage.
- Switch to Hartford (from Sun Life) for Life and Disability at a slightly lower rate for same coverage.
- Implement Blue Cross enhanced Healthy Outcomes wellness program for \$9,500, with new levels of participation-based financial incentives.
- No change to dental and vision benefit providers/premiums.

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Robinson the Board approved the 2019 Health & Ancillary Benefits Package as outlined above. The motion was carried unanimously. The detailed financial breakdown is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

2. D-O LRT Professional Services Contract Amendment – T.J.F. Golf #9

Parker then presented a contract amendment related to mitigation for the UNC Finley Golf Club with TJF Golf, course designer. He stated that this amendment for just over \$30,000 would further the 90% design.

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Schewel the Board authorized the President/CEO to execute Contract Amendment 8 of the Professional Services

Agreement with T. J. F. Golf, Inc., for the continuation of Technical and Professional Services for the UNC Finley Golf Course Mitigation Project, increasing the contract's not to exceed amount to \$153,500. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Designation as Project Sponsor for Wake-Durham Commuter Rail

Parker stated that the new item is a recommendation that GoTriangle accept CAMPO's invitation to be project sponsor for Commuter Rail from Garner to west Durham. Mann explained that acting today allows us to move forward more quickly in the procurement process and to complete pre-planning work.

Reckhow noted that the committee discussed the financial and staffing impacts to GoTriangle and President/CEO Mann will bring an implementation plan to the board next month. She also stated that a field trip with the NCRR board to see a comparable commuter rail system may be arranged.

Action: On motion by Robinson and second by Allen the Board accepted the invitation from CAMPO and the DCHC MPO to serve as the designated project sponsor for the Wake-Durham Commuter Rail Project. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. 2019 Meeting Calendar

Action: On motion by Parker and second by Allen the Board adopted the 2019 meeting calendar. The motion was carried unanimously. The calendar is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

VII. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

A list of contracts approved by the President and CEO is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Mann highlighted the following items:

- RUS Bus work continues, with a request for qualifications for development teams being drafted that will result in a short list of firms who will receive a request for proposals next spring.
- There has been no news on the BUILD grant application, although FTA has contacted us for clarification and additional information.
- September ridership was down 13% due to the hurricane and curtailed service.
- We are working with Proterra on specifications for an electric bus to be purchased under the Low or No Emission grant.

1. Transit Operations Report

Patrick Stephens stated that delivery of the electric bus is anticipated at the end of 2019. He said an after action report has been drafted for the emergency response during the hurricane.

2. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Program Update

John Tallmadge's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Hutchinson arrived.

Tallmadge announced that the agreement with the VA medical center has been executed. Discussions continue with Duke University and the railroads to get signed agreements prior to the risk assessment in November.

Reckhow suggested a letter to the NCRRC board about the economic impact of the project, including job creation and sales and income tax generation. Szlosberg-Landis supported the idea and suggested personal contacts to NCRRC board members.

Parker requested a matrix of the critical risks to the project and the mitigation plans for each.

3. Wake Transit Update

Steven Schlossberg reported that the TPAC voted to recommend approval of the major investment study for BRT. He said the study determined that all four corridors are viable and projected to be successful. The City of Raleigh was selected as designated project sponsor for one or more corridors of the BRT.

Reckhow suggested an overview of the MIS for CR at an upcoming meeting to help better understand the project.

4. Communications Update

No report.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Shelley Blake noted the following items:

- The Council of State unanimously approved the donation of land from UNC and NCCU.
- Work continues on drafting a concurrence process for Wake Transit.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Reckhow thanked Jennifer Robinson for her leadership as chair over the past two years. She stated that there would be a formal recognition at the next meeting. She also distributed committee assignments for 2019, which are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen III reported that an update was received on Wake Transit and the board voted unanimously to issue an invitation to GoTriangle to be the commuter rail sponsor. An interactive map is being developed to track progress on Wake Transit.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Ellen Reckhow stated John Tallmadge gave the quarterly report on the D-O LRT project. CMAQ funds were reprogrammed, to include funding for electric buses for GoDurham.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen III reported that he attended the I-40 Regional Partnership 10th annual meeting. There was a lot of talk about transit and buses in managed lanes.


4. Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force Representative

Michael Parker stated that Jeff Mann gave an update on the D-O LRT project. There also was discussion about increasing redevelopment pressure on mobile home parks. He said the State offers very few protections to folks living in mobile home parks, but both Orange County and Chapel Hill are working on housing options for relocating residents to keep them in their community close to their jobs and their children in their schools. The group also heard about how Orange County is working with farms and other land owners to preserve rural land in perpetuity from development pressures and try to keep natural lands natural and farms functional in Orange County.

Reckhow noted a joint MPO meeting on October 31st at Research Triangle Park headquarters.

VIII. Adjournment

Action: Chair Reckhow the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



Ellen Reckhow, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board