

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020
OPEN MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL

OPEN SESSION

Sean Powell, Acting Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll
William H. Cox, Jr.
William C. Ensor, III
W. Lee Gaines, Jr.
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, Esq.
Jeffrey S. Rosen
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

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| Col. Kevin Anderson | Lt. Col. Lucy Lyles |
| Jeffrey Brown | Jeanne Marriott |
| Percy Dangerfield | Kimberly Millender, Esq. |
| Donna DiCerbo | Kenneth Montgomery |
| Jacqueline Djomo | Ebony Moore |
| Tonya Dorsey | Mary O'Keeffe |
| Allen Garman | Will Pines |
| Chantelle Green | James F. Ports, Jr. |
| Lynnea Green | Mike Rice |
| Valencia Hainesworth | Bradley Ryon |
| Kelly Harper | John Sales |
| Natalie Henson | Colin Sweetin |
| Meshelle Howard | Christina Thompson |
| April King | Tim Wendt |
| Cheryl Lewis-Orr | |

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Al Carr, Delegate, State of Maryland
Ron Davis, Traffic & Revenue Consultant
James Kruszynski, President, FOP Lodge 34

At 9:00 a.m. Acting Chairman Sean Powell called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. With this open meeting being done via conference call, a roll call of participants was taken by Ms. Natalie Henson to ensure the minutes accurately reflected those persons on the call and to ensure a quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2020

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on June 25, 2020 were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr. read the Years of Service Recognition for retired employee, Ms. Deborah A. Wolf. On the occasion of her retirement from her distinguished career of service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority hereby express to her their most sincere appreciation for her excellence and commitment.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD

• **Contract No. J01B06000037 – CTI Software & Integration**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval to execute Contract No. J01B06000037 – CTI Software & Integration with CTI, Inc. in the bid amount of \$594,940.00.

The primary purpose for this sole source contract is to ensure proper integration, acceptance, and troubleshooting of the Lane Use Signals and crossover systems, as new devices such as dynamic message signs, gate arms, ITS cabinets, enhanced lane use signals, illuminated in-pavement markers are commissioned through the various Bay Bridge jobs under construction. This contract is necessary to provide software development to ensure that the new devices work in tandem with the existing Lane Use System, currently installed at the WPL Bay Bridge. In that the software is proprietary to CTI, only their programmers can provide the required software development and integration.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member William C. Ensor, III, the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. J01B06000037 – CTI Software & Integration.

• **Contract No. MT-3124-0000 – Janitorial Services at Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT) /Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT)**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval to execute Contract No. MT-3124-0000 – Janitorial Services at Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT)/Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT) with Lyles Cleaning Services, LLC in the bid amount of \$605,667.72.

This contract provides comprehensive janitorial services including supervision, supplies, labor, and equipment at the Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT) and Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT) facilities. This contract will be performed by a Community Service Provider: Lyles Cleaning Services, LLC. The Pricing and Selection Committee approved the rates for these services on June 18, 2020. Janitorial supplies are included in the contract total and the contract specifies that supplies be purchased from Blind Industries of Maryland, also a Community Service Provider.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. MT-3124-0000 – Janitorial Services at BHT and FMT.

APPROVAL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Percy Dangerfield requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board for the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding reached between the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #34 pending action by the Board of Public Works anticipated on August 12, 2020, that may result in a request to reopen the collective bargaining negotiations regarding the specific terms and conditions of this amendment.

On June 25, 2020, DBM and the FOP reached an agreement to amend the existing three (3) year Memorandum of Understanding, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. When fully implemented, the agreement results in a \$4.3 million reduction in salaries and benefits for bargaining unit members. Of the \$4.3 million reduction in salaries and benefits, \$1.4 million is reimbursable by the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and \$0.4 million is reimbursable by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA).

The amendment also specifies that beginning on January 1, 2021, the State will no longer pay more than the negotiated health benefits premiums. Additionally, the State may eliminate vacant bargaining unit positions as necessary to balance the budget.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Collective Bargaining Agreement was unanimously given contingent approval.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr. gave updates on: MDTA's Customer Service Center Operations; Lieutenant Governor Rutherford's visit to the Nice/Middleton Bridge Project; MDTA's First Virtual Annual Awards Presentation/Video; MDTA's Vietnam Veterans Memorial at I-95; and that the first meeting of the New BBAG, that was created during this year's General Assembly Session, will take place on August 5, 2020.

In addition, Mr. Ports advised the Board that Ms. Meshelle Howard, Director of Civil Rights and Fair Practices, will be retiring effective August 1, 2020.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:35 a.m., upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under General Provisions Article, §§ 3-305(b)(8) and 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive a status update on all litigation currently pending against the MDTA; to discuss a potential settlement in Case No. 24-C-18006656; and to receive a report on certain pending criminal investigations and an overview and update on deployment of police staff and resources. In attendance were Acting Chair Sean Powell, Members Carroll, Cox, Ensor, Gaines, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, and von Paris; and Jim Ports, Col. Kevin Anderson, Natalie Henson, and Kim Millender.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 10:23 a.m., a motion was made by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session.

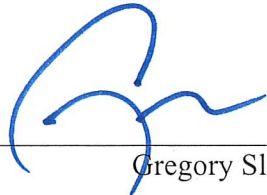
RATIFICATION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member William C. Ensor, III, the Members ratified their unanimous vote to approve the proposed settlement in Case No. 24-C-18006656, in the Matter of Dakota Compton, pending in federal court, for the amount of \$100,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting of the MDTA Board was adjourned by consensus at 10:23 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on August 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Open Meeting Conference Call.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:



Gregory Slater, Chairman