

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021
9:00 A.M.

OPEN MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AND LIVESTREAMING

OPEN SESSION

Greg Slater, Chairman
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:

Col. Kevin Anderson	Mary O'Keeffe
Percy Dangerfield	James F. Ports, Jr.
Chantelle Green	Will Pines
Jim Harkness	Bradley Ryon
Natalie Henson	Deb Sharpless
Kelly Melhem	Tim Sheets
Kimberly Millender, Esq.	Christina Thompson
Ebony Moore	Eric Willison
Kelly Mundle	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Delegate Al Carr

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At 9:02 a.m. Chairman Greg Slater called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. The meeting was held via video conference and livestreamed on the MDTA Board Meeting web page. Chairman Slater announced that he had a conflict in his schedule and would need to excuse himself from the meeting early. He advised that Acting Chairman Sean Powell would lead the meeting in his absence.

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM 4 – UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO BECOME AGENDA ITEM 3

Chairman Greg Slater requested a motion to move Agenda Item 4 – Update – Legislative Session to Agenda Item 3. Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the MDTA unanimously approved moving the agenda item.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2021

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, the open session and closed session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on March 25, 2021 were unanimously approved.

UPDATE – THIRD GENERATION ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION (3G ETC) SYSTEM

Mr. Will Pines, Ms. Kelly Mundle, and Ms. Deborah Sharpless updated the MDTA Board on the 3G ETC transition, outreach, revenue, and post go-live backlog plan.

Mr. Pines gave an update on the key milestones and focus areas of the project. The key focus areas include software reports and documentation, transition cutover and backlog tasks, QA/QC and lane maintenance improvements, and systems performance and storage. He also discussed the possible risks after “go-live” including high volumes at the call center, processing backlogs, software bugs, and Notice of Toll Due (NOTD) and citation revisions and image quality.

Ms. Mundle gave an update on the outreach regarding this project. This included press releases, pre-launch media campaign, *E-ZPass* customer emails, elected official emails, social media, GovDelivery, and the Go-Live Media Campaign.

Ms. Sharpless gave an update on traffic and revenue. She stated that traffic is meeting or exceeding the COVID-19 forecast. She also explained that the Fiscal Year 2021 actual revenue is expected to be below the official forecast by \$72 million however it is anticipated that the MDTA will still achieve its debt service coverage requirement. She also stated that the Fiscal Year 2022 forecast is expected

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****Announcements:**

- 1) *Due to a scheduling conflict, Member Dontae Carroll logged out of meeting at 9:30 am and logged back into meeting at 10:17 am.*
- 2) *At 9:59 am Chairman Gregory Slater left the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Acting Chairman Sean Powell led the remainder of the meeting.*

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Bradley Ryon gave a final update to the MDTA Board wrapping up the 2021 legislative session and its impacts to the MDTA.

RESOLUTIONS – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Ms. Mary O’Keeffe read the Years of Service Recognition for retired employees Ms. Lynne Outerbridge-Gardner and Mr. Bryant C. Talley. On the occasion of their retirement from their distinguished careers of service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority hereby express to them their most sincere appreciation for their excellence and commitment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM: UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Delegate Al Carr pre-registered to comment on the Update – Legislative Session agenda item. Acting Chairman Sean Powell agreed to hear this public comment. Due to Del. Carr calling in late his comment was given after the Resolutions were presented.

Delegate Al Carr gave kudos to the MDTA legislative team for their great work during session. He also asked the MDTA Board to consider a toll reciprocity agreement with Pennsylvania and possibly Delaware instead of procuring a collection agency to collect out of state tolls that are due the MDTA.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Mary O’Keeffe updated the MDTA Board on the status of the amended budget that included a one-time bonus to permanent State employees in the amount of \$1,000; the DriveEZMd “Go Live” launch; the April 13 “Getting Your Foot in the Door” program; National Work Zone Safety Week; and a “Moment in MDTA History” featuring the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 11:06 a.m., upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open

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In attendance for Closed Session was Acting Chairman Sean Powell, Members Carroll, Cox, Ensor, Gaines, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, and von Paris; and Jim Ports, Mary O’Keeffe, Kim Millender, Esq., Col. Kevin Anderson, Natalie Henson, and Ebony Moore.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 11:32 a.m., a motion was made by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken in Closed Session.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via livestream.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:



Gregory Slater, Chairman