

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021
9:00 A.M.

2310 BROENING HIGHWAY, BALTIMORE MD 21224
IN-PERSON, LIVESTREAMED OPEN MEETING

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:

Col. Kevin Anderson
Carl Chamberlin
Donna DiCerbo
David Goldsborough
Natalie Henson
Chris Imms
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Ebony Moore
Mary O'Keeffe
Will Pines
James F. Ports, Jr.
Tim Sheets
Eric Willison

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Quentin Rice, Retired MDTA Employee

At 9:00 a.m. Acting Chairman Sean Powell called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. The meeting was held in-person at MDTA located at 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD 21224 and was livestreamed on the MDTA Board Meeting web page.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on June 24, 2021 were unanimously approved.

***** Acting Chairman Sean Powell requested, and the Members unanimously approved, to move Agenda Item # 2 – Resolutions – Years of Service Recognition to later in the agenda due to waiting for a recipient to arrive. *****

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **J01P1600023 – NetApp Storage Hardware**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. J01P1600023 – NetApp Storage Hardware with CAS Severn in the bid amount of \$1,620,000.00.

The primary purpose of this contract is for the purchase of NetApp Storage Hardware for the MDTA Office of Information Technology. This contract also includes a Five-Year Extended Warranty and a Five-Year SupportEdge Premium 4 Hour Onsite Support Services. NetApp hardware is currently used in the MDTA Data Center to store all MDTA electronic data. The current NetApp storage is no longer under warranty and is reaching its end of life. The new NetApp storage will provide greater stability and faster data rates. This contract will be a one-time purchase in the amount of \$1,620,000.00. This contract was procured as a Purchase Order Request for Proposal (PORFP) under Functional Area I & V of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Hardware 2012 Master Contract. This contract was approved by the Board of Public Works on July 7, 2021.

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. J01P1600023 – NetApp Storage Hardware.

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

Mr. Jim Ports and Mr. Will Pines updated the MDTA Board on the Third Generation Electronic Toll Collection (3G ETC) post-transition operations and traffic & revenue.

They explained that the TransCore and Kapsch systems went live on April 29, 2021 and post-transition and software development activities continue.

They also reported that MDTA maintained all its financial standards even though revenue underperformed the financial forecast by nearly \$91M. On a modified-accrual basis, MDTA exceeded its forecast by \$5.1M, indicating that had all Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 *E-ZPass*[®] transactions been posted in FY 2021, the MDTA would have achieved its forecast. Implementation of the plan to address the backlog of unprocessed transactions is ongoing.

RESOLUTIONS – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Jim Ports read the Years of Service Recognition for retired employee Mr. Quentin E. Rice. Mr. Rice was presented his Resolution by Acting Chairman Sean Powell and Board Members.

Mr. Ports also read the Years of Service Recognition for retired employees Col. Woodrow W. “Jerry” Jones, Senior Officer Phillip McCutcheon, and Ms. Joanne Wilson.

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.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Jim Ports welcomed the Acting Chairman and Members back to MDTA in person. He also gave an update on: the July 7 Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG) Meeting; the Phase 1 South Toll Rate Range Setting Public Hearings that were held on July 12 in Rockville and July 14 Virtually and reminded everyone that the public comment period continues through August 12; that our Travel Plazas now offer Maryland-themed items, products from local companies, and armed services merchandise; and, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Run/Walk is scheduled to take place on October 31.

In continuing to recognize MDTA’s 50th Anniversary this year, Mr. Ports gave some fun facts highlighting MDTA’s two tunnel crossings – The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and the Fort McHenry Tunnel.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 10:22 a.m., upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the MDTA Board will meet in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Sections 3-305(b)(10) to receive an overview and update on deployment of police staff and resources; and General Provisions Article, Sections 3-305(b)(8) to receive a status update on all litigation currently pending against the MDTA.

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, Kim Millender, Col. Kevin Anderson, and Natalie Henson.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

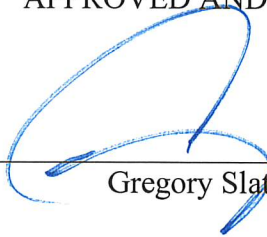
At 11:08 a.m., a motion was made by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken in Closed Session.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at MDTA located at 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore Maryland.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:



Gregory Slater, Chairman