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CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Sellers, at 8:38 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Members Present: Jack Darnall, Johnnye P. Lassiter, Ronald Lyas, Andre Petties, and Rev. Patrick Sellers.

Members Absent: Joyce Brooks, Keelon Hobbs, Guin Robinson, and Terri Sharpley.

Others Present: Debra Anderson-Burse, Robert Ballard, Peter Behrman, Christopher Bolling, Anna Brown, Cornelius Cleveland, Bing Edwards, Martin Edwards-Clark, Butch Ferrell, Jacquese Gary, Lee Jackson, Laurel Land, Barbara Lawson, Chris Leffert, Dr. Jesse Lewis, Julie McMillan, Kevin Owens, Councilor Kim Rafferty, and David Ricker.

A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Andre Petties led the assembly in the recitation of the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted by general consent.

Resolutions for Consideration and Approval:

- A. **Resolution No. 2012-02:** Approve Settlement with the City of Birmingham Regarding the Amount Owed to the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority for Fiscal Year 2011 and Its Amounts for Fiscal Year 2012 was moved by Mr. Darnall, seconded by Keelon Hobbs, and approved by general consent. Mr. Darnall opposed the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Behrman reported that officials from the Birmingham Mayor's office and the BJCTA had met. Unspent operating and capital funds were disclosed, and the parties agreed to the compromise listed in the resolution. In response to Mr. Darnall, Ms. McMillan replied that the amount of \$947,979 was written off the financial records as a bad debt. The numbers of the BJCTA and the City of Birmingham do match.

Mr. Petties went on record as having concerns of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. He wanted to make sure that the City, the City Council, the Authority, and especially the citizens and riders were comfortable with the actions taken.

Resolution No. 2011-55 – Authorization to Adopt and Approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets was moved as written by Mr. Darnall, seconded by Mr. Lyas. Mr. Darnall withdrew his motion and Mr. Lyas withdrew his second. Mr. Petties moved to adopt the resolution, less the budgeted capital portion. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Lassiter and approved by a roll call vote that resulted unanimously in six (6) ayes from Mr. Darnall, Mr. Hobbs, Ms. Lassiter, Mr. Lyas, Mr. Petties, and Rev. Sellers.

Discussion: In response to Mr. Lyas' question regarding changes in the budget, Mr. Behrman replied that staff was not recommending raises for administrative staff, and any amounts under negotiation were moved into a general contingency account. Board travel was itemized as \$10,000 for travel, \$2,500 for per diem, and \$9,000 for meetings and seminars for a total of \$21,500. Items on the capital list were the initial recommendation of staff. Any items that cost above \$10,000 would have to come before the board for approval.

Birmingham City Councilor Kim Rafferty was acknowledged and given an opportunity to speak on the budget. She announced that she was extremely excited that the BJCTA now had a template for contracts and suggested that the definition of "service" be specified in future contracts. Councilor Rafferty further stated that it was very important that all contracts with participating municipalities have a capital aspect and recommended the BJCTA to prepare and present the capital budget to the municipalities so they would know where the money will be being spent.

Rev. Sellers invited all board members to visit the downstairs portion of Central Station. An email about improvements and cleaning was to be forthcoming.

The **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:15 p.m. The next **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors** will be held **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 12:00 PM** Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, AL.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Rev. Patrick Sellers, Chairman

Attest: _____
Joyce E. Brooks, Secretary/Treasurer