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## **CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, September 16, 2011

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Sellers, at 8:33 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

**Members Present:** Joyce Brooks, Jack Darnall, Johnnye P. Lassiter, Ronald Lyas, Andre Petties, Guin Robinson, Rev. Patrick Sellers, and Terri Sharpley

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Debra Anderson-Burse, Robert Ballard, Christopher Bolling, Anna Brown, Gwen DeRue, Martin Edwards-Clark, Jacquese Gary, James O. Hill, Lee Jackson, Barbara Lawson, Chris Leffert, Julie McMillan, Councilor Kim Rafferty, David Ricker, Tari Williams, and John Wright.

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. 2011-55** – Authorization to Adopt and Approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets was tabled.

*Discussion:* Councilor Kim Rafferty requested that the Board give the City two weeks before adopting a budget. During the two weeks, she encouraged the BJCTA Board to meet aggressively with the Mayor's office and the Transportation and Communications Committee to develop a strong contractual agreement for transit services. She stated that the Council is not ready to move forward on approving any cuts.

Mr. Robinson agreed with Councilor Rafferty but also called attention to the obligation that the BJCTA must operate under sound financial conditions. Mr. Lyas suggested that the BJCTA consult with legal counsel to draft a contract that can be presented to the Mayor's office. Councilor Rafferty advised that the point of negotiation of a contract begins with the Mayor's office and then the Transportation Committee. All recommendations must go through the Committee and then to the full Council to be approved.

Mr. Robinson moved that the Board table the adoption of the FY2012 budget until September 28, 2011, at which time the Board will adopt a budget based on information at hand, seconded by Ms. Lassiter. A roll call vote resulted unanimously in an approval of consent with eight ayes from Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Darnall, Ms. Lassiter, Mr. Lyas, Mr. Petties, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Sharpley, and Rev. Patrick Sellers.

**Old/New Business:**

There were three respondents to the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) proposal who are scheduled for interviewing on September 29, 2011. At Mr. Robinson's request, Procurement Officer Jacquese Gary will attempt to move up the interview date so that a report can be given at the next regular board meeting. Grants and Procurement Manager Chris Leffert reported that there are fourteen tasks listed in the SRTP; the BJCTA could have the route analysis be one of the first tasks reviewed. Mr. Robinson advised that the representative should attend every board meeting.

Rev. Sellers introduced and welcomed the two new board members: Ms. Terri Sharpley and Mr. Andre Petties. Staff in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and give a brief description of their responsibilities.

The **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:10 p.m. The next **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors** will be held **Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 12:00 PM** Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, AL.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Hamilton, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Johnnye P. Lassiter Secretary/Treasurer