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## **CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, February 5, 2010

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Guin Robinson, at 12:01 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

**Members Present:** Frank C. Galloway, Brian Hamilton, Ronald Lyas, Doris Powell, Guin Robinson, and Rev. Patrick Sellers

**Members Absent:** Walter Jones and Johnnye P. Lassiter

**Others Present:** Jermal Allen, Debra Anderson-Burse, Joyce Brooks, William Copling, Butch Ferrell, Jacquese Gary, Shandae Givan, Judy Gordon, Danny W. Harding, Damian Johnsson, Barbara Lawson, Chris Leffert, George Lewis, Dr. Jesse Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Julie McMillan, L.A. Moss, Ashley Nix, Kevin Owens, Nicholas Porterfield, Debra Rains, Elizabeth Richardson, Charles Ridley, Joi Scott, Ken Simon, Rhonda Siserir, and Lou Willie

A moment of silence was observed.

Ronald Lyas led the assembly in the recitation of the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted by general consent, with the adoption of minutes being deleted.

Guin Robinson recognized new board member Joyce Brooks who will be sworn into office at the next regular scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Robinson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the City of Birmingham's level of service and contract with the BJCTA. William Coping, Interim Executive Director, reported that staff has made presentations to the City of Birmingham, specifically to the Transportation & Communications Committee, to request \$9 million to continue operating at its current level of service for the remainder of the fiscal year in the City of Birmingham. The Committee has not rendered a decision regarding a commitment the funding. The BJCTA is approaching the date of February 28, 2010, by which the BJCTA would run out of funding to operate in the City. As such, the BJCTA is required by the FTA to provide reasonable notification to the public of any potential major service reductions. Doris Powell questioned what is considered reasonable notice to the public. Mr. Robinson asked legal counsel if the Board could make the case that notice from February 5 to February 28, 2010, would be considered reasonable. Ken Simon, Legal Counsel, responded in the affirmative and

added that two weeks noticed would have been sufficient under the current, emergency circumstances.

Rev. Patrick Sellers moved that as of this day the Board authorizes official public notice of the potential ending of transit service in the City of Birmingham as of February 28, 2010, if no other funds are allocated from the City of Birmingham for their services; Brian Hamilton seconded, and the motion was approved by general consent. Ms. Powell abstained.

Mr. Galloway asked if there is a specific minimum amount of funds required. There was no certain answer available but Mr. Robinson replied that if the City comes forward, a meeting would be called. He emphasized that there are negotiations and conversations ongoing in good faith with the City of Birmingham.

**Public Comments – None**

The **Meeting Adjourned** at 12:11 p.m. The next **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors** will be held **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 12:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, City of Tarrant, 1604 Pinson Valley Parkway, Tarrant, AL

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guin Robinson, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank C. Galloway, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer