



## CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

4:30 pm

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President deGeneres. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was held.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dr. Peter Breaux	Member	Present
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Present
Melissa deGeneres	President	Present
Patrick Downs	Secretary	Present
Johnathan Hill	Member	Present
Linda Perkins	Member	Present
Antoinette Pierre	Vice-President	Present
Frederick Thomas	Member	Present
John Vukovics	Treasurer	Present

#### 2. Public Comment

None

#### 3. Approval of the June 20, 2023, Monthly Board Minutes – Ms. Melissa deGeneres

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

**MOVER: Perkins**

**SECONDER: Pierre**

**YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

#### 4. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Melissa deGeneres

President deGeneres noted three commissioners attended the APTA Board Member Conference in July. The board would like to establish a board calendar that includes dates on governance, training and more. President deGeneres presented an update to the Metro council and CATS will continue to promote our live streamed board meetings. Deanna

provided the commissioners with an update on the bus bench contract. In addition, the team is working on scheduling a meeting to get everyone on the same page.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Executive Report by CATS Executive Staff was presented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANY ACTION THEREON

1. Finance and Executive: Ms. DeGeneres
  - Ms. DeGeneres noted the minutes are in the packet.
2. Technical, Policies and Practices: Dr. Peter Breaux
  - Dr. Breaux noted the minutes are in the packet.
3. Audit: Mr. John Vukovics (no meeting held)
4. Planning: Mr. Patrick Downs.
  - Mr. Downs noted the minutes are in the packet.
5. Community Relations: Ms. Linda Perkins
  - Ms. Perkins noted the minutes are in the packet.
6. CEO Search Committee
  - Mr. Hill noted the committee did are in the packet.

7. Action Items

APPROVAL - Consideration and approval of the remaining HNTB invoice of \$3,065.18.

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

**MOVER: Downs**

**SECONDER: Vukovics**

**YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**

**NAYS: Coleman**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the Route Restoration Grant –Task Order  
3 WSP \$515,000

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

**MOVER: Downs**

**SECONDER: Coleman**

**YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the Contract to perform design services to  
WSP \$76,000

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**  
**MOVER: Hill**  
**SECONDER: Perkins**  
**YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of the RFQ #2023-ExecutiveSearchFirm-005

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**  
**MOVER: Hill**  
**SECONDER: Downs**  
**YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

APPROVAL – Consideration and approval of implementing student fare free policy -  
Waiving K-12 Student Fare for 30 consecutive days.

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**  
**MOVER: Hill**  
**SECONDER: Coleman**  
**YEAS: Breaux, Coleman, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Thomas, Vukovics**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

Adjournment  
Perkins/deGerenes