

CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TELEPHONIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 11, 2018

The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) Board of Directors held a Telephonic Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Conference Call Dial-In information was provided to Board Members and Interested Parties.

MEMBERSHIP: Ed Astle; Mary Beth Berry; Bob Brimmer; Dwayne Green; Alfred Harrison; Virginia Jamison; James Lewis; Minnie Newman; Pat O'Neil; Jim Owens; Vic Rawl; Dickie Schweers; Michael Seekings; Elliott Summey; Keith Summey; John Tecklenburg; Jimmy Ward; Craig Weaver

BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPANTS: Ed Astle; Mary Beth Berry; Bob Brimmer; Dwayne Green; Virginia Jamison; James Lewis; Pat O'Neil; Vic Rawl; Michael Seekings; John Tecklenburg

PROXIES: Stephanie Tillerson for Mayor Weaver; Lynn Christian for Alfred Harrison; Jerry Lahm for Elliott Summey; Ray Anderson for Mayor Summey; Warwick Jones for Dickie Schweers

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Helen Hiser with MGC; Keith Benjamin with the City of Charleston

STAFF PARTICIPANTS: Ron Mitchum; Andrea Kozloski; Kim Coleman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Seekings called the CARTA Telephonic Board of Directors Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Moment of Silence, Roll Call and Quorum Determination.

2. Mt. Pleasant Street Property Acquisition – Request for Approval – Ron Mitchum

Chairman Seekings thanked the participants for calling in for the special meeting. He explained that the agenda packet includes an aerial photograph of the property to be discussed. Chairman Seekings stated that he will turn the meeting over to Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, then over to Charleston County Chairman Rawl. Once Chairman Rawl includes additional information, the matter will then be discussed by the Board. Mr. Mitchum thanked the Board for participating in the special telephonic Board Meeting and apologized for the short notice. Mr. Mitchum explained that a series of recently transpired events created the need for Board action regarding the acquisition of a parcel of property located within the City of Charleston and associated with the Low Line property. He described the property location, the size and the appraisal information. The 1.5 acre property was appraised at \$1.6 million. Mr. Mitchum commented that if, for any reason, the agency does not utilize the property, there should not be any issues with re-selling it and proceeds would then be reinvested into the system. Chairman Seekings then turned comments over to Charleston County Chairman Rawl. Chairman Rawl remarked that Charleston County has been heavily involved in discussions with the BCDCOG and the City of Charleston regarding the property. Chairman Rawl explained that the City of Charleston will purchase the property, then Charleston County, with its second ½ cents sales tax referendum dedicated to CARTA/BRT, will reimburse the City of Charleston. The deed will then most likely shift from the City of Charleston to the BCDCOG. There will be “no strings attached” with the City of Charleston. Chairman Seekings thanked Mr. Mitchum and Charleston County Chairman Rawl for their remarks and noted that a City of Charleston Council meeting will be held tomorrow and the property will be discussed at that meeting. The main purpose of today's Telephonic Board Meeting is for informational purposes and to request Board approval for the agency to move forward with the process. Chairman Seekings then polled Board members for any questions regarding the property. The property location was further described by Charleston County Chairman Rawl, Chairman Seekings and Mayor Tecklenburg.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the purchase and transfer of the Mt. Pleasant Street Property as described by Chairman Rawl with further discussion by the CARTA Board of Directors as to the utility of this property and the manner in which it will be deeded to follow. Ms. Tillerson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Other Business, If Any

There was no other business discussed.

4. Public Comments, If Any

There were no public comments.

5. Board Comments, If Any

Chairman Seekings thanked Mr. Mitchum, Chairman Rawl and Mayor Tecklenburg for their work on this tremendous opportunity for the BCDCOG, the City of Charleston and CARTA to make a real investment in the future of transit and transit related developments. He then thanked the Board for their participation in today's call and their support of this process. The outcome will be discussed at the next CARTA Board Meeting to be held in August.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Seekings adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Coleman