

**METRO RTA
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026
9:00 AM**

Trustees' Present: Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, Robert DeJournett, John Valle, Chuck Rector, Gary Spring, Dave Prentice, Christine Marshall, Nicole Squire, and Bob Konstand

Trustees Excused: Donald Christian and Renee Greene

Trustees Absent:

Roetzel & Andress: Lauren Zidones

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Jay Hunter, Eric Scott, Nathan Leppo, Quentin Wyatt, DeHavilland McCall, Jamie Saylor, Alja Austin, Laura Adkins, Zach Smith, Molly Becker, Grace Doyle, Tim Kensinger, Kyle Moeglin, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, Lane Evans, and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark Derrig called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

RECOGNITION:

Judith Witherspoon: 25 Years of Safe Driving – DeHavilland McCall

James Bolar: 25 Years of Safe Driving – DeHavilland McCall

BOARD MINUTES:

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25th meeting.

Mr. John Valle 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: John Valle

Vice Chair: Christine Marshall

The Committee met on January 15th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were four resolutions recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2026-01:

A resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer to award a contract with Weaver Industries, Inc. for the purchase of Janitorial Services for the Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center located at 631 S. Broadway.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Chuck Rector 2nd the motion. All present voted "aye". The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-02:

A resolution authorizing the disposal of certain assets owned by METRO Regional Transit Authority.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Nicole Squire 2nd the motion. All present voted "aye". The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-03:

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of two (2) fully electric-powered 40 ft. buses from Gillig, LLC.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Robert DeJournett 2nd the motion. All present voted "aye". The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-04:

A resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer to purchase 33 on-board digital signs from Message Point Media for METRO revenue vehicles through NEORide contract.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Bob Konstand 2nd the motion. All present voted "aye". The resolution was approved.

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Chuck Rector

Vice Chair: Dana LaGarde

The Committee met on January 15th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

CULTURE & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Robert DeJournett

Vice Chair: Dave Prentice

The Committee met on January 15th and KPI's were reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Bob Konstand

Vice Chair: Nicole Squire

The Committee met on January 15th and the dashboard was reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair: Dana LaGarde reporting on behalf of Chair Renee Greene

The Committee met on January 15th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Board President:

There was no report at this time.

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms. Dawn Distler reported an update on the Fact Finder report. Noting at this time, the report is not expected to be completed or provided until mid-to late February. METRO will continue to follow the established process and procedure as permitted under the current timeline.

Ms. Distler recognized Mr. Jarrod Hampshire for his service on the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus Manufacturing Committee. The committee was established to develop more standardized bus specifications across the industry while addressing Buy America and Build America requirements. Mr. Hampshire played an integral role during this year's work as the task force concludes, with final white papers expected to be released in the coming months, including at the APTA Mobility Conference. Appreciation was expressed for his time, expertise, and contributions to this national effort.

Additionally, Ms. Distler expressed appreciation to all employees who reported to work during the severe winter storm on Sunday and Monday. Special recognition was given to the maintenance and snow crews, bus operators, operations, customer service, dispatch, and administrative staff for maintaining service under difficult conditions. She commended the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of employees ensuring continuity of service during one of the most significant winter storms in recent years.

Mr. Robert DeJournett inquired about an influx of people going to the Transit Center for warmth. Sergeant Kensinger explained that additional flexibility was implemented to allow individuals time to warm up and seek shelter from the elements. An increase in incidents was noted over the weekend, including the involvement of mental health personnel and several arrests; damage assessments related to a fire incident at the ITA facility are pending. While METRO does not deploy buses specifically as warming and transportation during extreme weather conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert DeJournett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 am. Dana LaGarde 2nd the motion.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is February 24th, 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Section III, Article 3.2 of the Rules & Regulations of the METRO Regional Transit Authority, METRO has complied with the Notice and Notification to the public and news media.

DATE APPROVED: February 24th, 2026



MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT



DAWN S. DISTLER,
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/
SECRETARY-TREASURER**