

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

November 28, 2018

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on November 28, 2018 at 11:24 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond, Chair
William 'Bill' Floyd
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
John 'Al' Pond
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/ CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members Chief of System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax and Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs LaShanda Dawkins, James Sibert (Acting), David Springstead, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov and Thomas Young (Interim); Senior Director Colleen Kiernan; Directors James Biscoe, John Cochran (Acting), Lisa DeGrace, Jonathan Hunt, Donna Jennings and Remy Saintil; Manager Roderick Lyles; Sr. Executive Administrators Ashanti Boothe and Keri Lee. Others in attendance Carlos Arrietta, Kareem Jackson, Courtne Middlebrooks, Dedric Parham and LaTonya Pope.

Also in attendance Jim Schmidt of HNTB.

Approval of the October 25, 2018 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

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Briefing – Fire / Life Safety Super Bowl Preparations

Mr. Parham presented a presentation focusing on safety measures preparing for Super Bowl LIII.

Safety vs. Security can be categorized into unintentional and intentional acts

Unintentional

- Person caught in bus doors
- Falling on escalators or stairs

Intentional

- Trespassers
- Suicide / attempted suicide

The Office of Safety has formed a committee to assist with Super Bowl readiness through inspections and assessments to mitigate hazards over and above our normal inspection cycles, focusing on stations that may be impacted during the Super Bowl.

Fire Safety – ensures equipment are checked and working properly

- Fire Alarm Systems
- Public Address Systems
- Fire Extinguishers
- Station and Track Cleaning
- Proprietary Reporting
- Fire Suppression Systems
- Sandpipes / Valves

Life Safety – ensures that emergency exits and lights are working properly

- Emergency and Exit Lighting
- Lighted Signage
- Dual Power Source Availability
- Exits / Doors
- Telephones
- Lighted Signage
- Emer. Standby Power Systems
- Fare Gates
- Escalators / Elevators
- AED's

Project Scheduling Coordination

- Tunnel Ventilation Project
- Generator Replacement Project
- Fire Alarm Systems Upgrade
- AVIS
- UPS Replacement Project
- Elevator / Esc. Rehab Project
- ETS Replacement

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Dr. Edmond asked what measures will be considered to enhance safety and what is MARTA doing to hire more boots on the ground during the Super Bowl.

Chief Dunham said that MARTA has been using technology as well as screening applications through Monster and Indeed to recruit adequate staffing for the upcoming Super Bowl. As a result, 82/1100 candidates from Puerto Rico met the requirements and have been placed into the Academy. Reserve Officers, local police, Federal Air Marshalls, TSA and Transit Agencies will also serve as a helping hand during the Super Bowl.

Mr. Griffin asked will MARTA have contractors on standby should the elevator stop working on Super Bowl Sunday.

Mr. Parham said yes, Schindler will have personnel located within MARTA stations to address any issues with the escalator and elevators.

Mr. Daniels said the presentation did not mention MARTA's Train Control System and asked how does MARTA plan to transport patrons efficiently in and out of the Dome area.

Mr. Springstead said MARTA will be operating a new control system for the Super Bowl and will be in good shape for the train control system. Under the leadership of MARTA's Super Bowl Committee, MARTA will provide station maps of every MARTA Station and all MARTA employees will work various shifts to assist patrons with their destinations, working toward making MARTA and the City of Atlanta look great.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked will there be out of State or Federal Agencies to follow up on inspections regarding tunnel ventilation and oversights.

Mr. Parham said MARTA has oversight with the State, however, there are no known extra inspections.

Chief Dunham said GDOT gave out five (5) awards regarding inspections and MARTA was awarded for being one of the safest transit agencies. Being under inspection is a key attribute to helping MARTA improve.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked what is MARTA doing to ensure that the Authority communicates across the board during the Super Bowl.

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Chief Dunham said the Board approved a new radio system and MARTA is currently purchasing all new radios which will allow MARTA to be able to talk consistently during the Super Bowl.

Dr. Edmond thanked Mr. Parham for the presentation and said one of the most important aspects of deterring terrorists acts is the participation of the public. He asked as an organization, what steps is MARTA taking through PSA or the media to encourage patrons to be diligent, observant and assist to ensure that the Super Bowl is a terrorist act free event.

Chief Dunham said the City of Atlanta and the Host Committee has approximately twenty (20) committees with MARTA being a part of each committee. MARTA has partnered with these committees and the marketing team to prepare public awareness messaging through social media and the use of MARTA's See and Say Application.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.