

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

MINUTES/PROCEEDINGS

Board Meeting
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, 3rd Floor
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room
Los Angeles

Thursday, February 4, 1993

Directors Present:

Richard Alatorre
Michael Antonovich
Tom Bradley
Evan Anderson Braude
Marvin Braude
Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke
James Cragin

Deane Dana
Edmund D. Edelman
John Fasana
Gloria Molina
Mark Ridley-Thomas
Larry Zarian
Jerry Baxter (Ex Officio)

Alternates Present:

Derrick O. Boston
Hal Croyts
Jane Ellison
Jan Heidt
Marvin L. Holen

Phyllis Papen
Nick Patsaouras
Raul Perez
Ray Remy

Alternate Absent:

Andrea Van de Kamp

1. Called to order at 10:19 a.m. by Merger Steering Committee (MSC) Chair Richard Alatorre, as Acting Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).
2. Helen M. Bolen, Merger Steering Committee Secretary, as Acting Secretary of the MTA, called the roll and administered the Oath of Office to members of the Board of Directors and their alternates.



Chairman Alatorre introduced California Department of Business, Transportation, and Housing Secretary Thomas S. Sayles. He said it was a pleasure to be present at the first meeting of the MTA. While he has only been in his current position for three days, he indicated transportation is a high priority.

3. Conducted election of MTA Chair and Vice Chair.

Co-counsel David Kelsey acted as Chair during the election of MTA Chair. On call for nominations, Director Dana nominated Director Richard Alatorre. This nomination was seconded and nominations were closed. Director Alatorre was unanimously named to the position of Chairman of the MTA.

Chairman Alatorre assumed the gavel and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Directors Zarian and Edelman were nominated. Nominations were closed and discussion ensued. Director Antonovich referred to the policy followed by the LACTC where chairmanship was rotated between city, county and league representatives and suggested that the same policy be followed by the MTA.

Director Marvin Braude suggested a rule that he believed would be important for the new organization. He suggested the Board not delegate its authority and therefore moved that the officers serve at the pleasure of the Board. Director Braude's motion was ruled out of order at this point.

A Roll Call vote was held electing Director Edelman as Vice Chair as noted below:

Edelman: Alatorre, Bradley, E. Braude, M. Braude,
Brathwaite-Burke, Dana, Edelman, Molina,
Ridley-Thomas

Zarian: Antonovich, Cragin, Fasana, Zarian

4. Considered actions for the interim transition period of February 1 through March 31.

a. Delegated authority to SCRTD and LACTC and established Committees.

After discussion, on motion by Director Molina, all procurement items in excess of \$100,000 will be placed on the MTA Board agenda as part of the Consent Calendar for approval by the MTA Board.

b. Discussion of MTA initial Rules and Procedures.

Director Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Director Fasana, that the Chair and Vice Chair term of office be for 60 days. Staff to return within that time period with options for City and County rotation of officers and whether the terms of office should coincide with the calendar year or fiscal year.

Director Bradley suggested that the motion be amended to set the initial term of office to June 30, 1993. During discussion, Director Brathwaite-Burke urged the passage of the motion with the June, 1993 date. Following further discussion on the term of office, on a Roll Call vote noted below, the Board approved the initial term of Chair and Vice Chair to June 30, 1993.

Ayes:	Alatorre, Bradley, E. Braude, M. Braude, Brathwaite-Burke, Dana, Edelman, Molina, Ridley-Thomas
Noes:	Antonovich, Cragin, Fasana, Zarian
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Director Antonovich made a motion to clarify Section 1.6 - Committees (page 3), to be consistent with the action taken to establish Committees. The proposed language is, "Committee appointments are recommended by the Chair and confirmed by the MTA Board." Further, staff will return within the interim period with recommendations and comments from the Committees and Construction Board regarding how they can most efficiently serve the MTA and what specific authorities could be delegated under AB 152. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

ADOPTED Initial Rules and Procedures, with above amendments.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

4c. ADOPTED the DBE/MBE/WBE/EEO Programs.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

4d. ADOPTED Ethics/Lobbying/ Gift Policy.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

Appearance of T. Roberts speaking on the deficiencies in the policy.

4e. APPROVED the Compensation/Pension program for new MTA employees hired after February 1, 1993.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

4f. RECEIVED AND FILED Procurement Policies.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

4g. APPROVED submittal of Letter of Assurance to the Federal Transit Administration.

UNANIMOUS, with 13 Directors present

Appearance of J. Walsh and F. D'Amato speaking on personnel and transit related matters.

5. Discussed MTA meeting dates for February and March, 1993.

On a Roll Call vote to hold future MTA meetings on Wednesday or Thursday as noted below, it was determined that Wednesday was preferred. Chairman Alatorre indicated that the actual schedule would be worked out and members notified.

Wednesday: Antonovich, Bradley, M. Braude, Cragin, Dana, Edelman, Molina, Zarian

Thursday: Alatorre, E. Braude, Brathwaite-Burke, Fasana, Ridley-Thomas

6. Recess to Closed Session to consider personnel matters.

Director Molina questioned the personnel matters to be considered and she asked for a clarification on the specific matters to be discussed in Closed Session. After considerable discussion, Director Bradley stated that the purpose of the Closed Session was to consider the selection of a Chief Executive Officer only.

Recessed to Closed Session at 11:22 a.m. and returned at 12:20 p.m. Chairman Alatorre reported that the MTA in Closed Session considered three candidates for the position of Chief Executive Officer; Neil Peterson, James Hankla and Franklin White. There was a unanimous vote to appoint, subject to working out of the compensation package, the distinguished gentleman from the State of New York Mr. Franklin White. Mr. White thanked the Board for their confidence commenting he feels this is the largest and most exciting job in the nation. He said he was looking forward to working with members of the Board and communities that we serve. He indicated he was very proud to have been selected and looked forward to working with everyone.

7. Public Comment

Appearance of H. Watts, J. Walsh, B. D'Amato, T. Hayes and P. Karim-Panahi on various transit matters.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



Helen M. Bolen
Acting Secretary, MTA