

**METRO RTA  
SAFETY, EQUITY, AND PLANNING  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

**Committee**

**Members Present:** Robert DeJournett, Dana LaGarde, David Prentice, Renee Greene, Donald Christian and Christian Marshall

**Trustees Present:** Mark Derrig, John Valle, Gary Spring and Nicole Squire

**Trustees Excused:** Chuck Rector and Bob Konstand

**Trustees Absent:**

**METRO Team**

**Members Present:** Dawn Distler, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Eric Scott, DeHavilland McCall, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker, Regina Mills, Jamie Saylor, Grace Doyle, Laura Adkins, Nathan Leppo, and Kyle Moeglin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Robert DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion to approve minutes from the September meeting with a correction. Ms. John Valle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning Report | Nathan Leppo**

KPIs were reviewed.

**Safety & Security Report | Shawn Metcalf**

KPIs were reviewed.

Preventable accidents typically occur among operators with less than 3 years of service. Mr. Donald Christian asked if accidents are categorized as minor, major, or those leading to hospitalization or claims. Mr. Shawn Metcalf explained that all accidents are tracked, and METRO works with OTRP regarding claims.

**Rail Report | Nathan Leppo**

Update

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Resolution 2024-17 | Nathan Leppo**

A resolution authorizing a contract with Wintrow Rail to replace crossties, surface track areas, remove switches and straighten rail track, and create a ditch line to properly move water away from in an area recently subjected to minor mudslides.

Mr. Gary Spring made a motion for the committee to recommend the resolution to the full board on October 29. Mr. John Valle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All present voted yes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Renee Greene highlighted that conflicts arise among students at the transit center and requested the presence of APS security during school hours, as their behavior inconveniences passengers. She asked for both a male and female security presence. Mr. Shawn Metcalf responded that there is already one APS staff member on site, noting that there is a significant rush around 3:45-4:00, and videos have been sent to schools and parents.

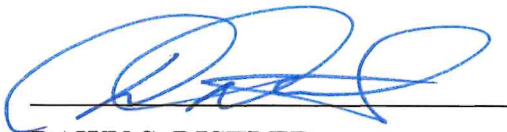
Ms. Dawn expressed her willingness to communicate with APS but noted that funding issues have been brought up before. Mr. John Valle asked about the volume of students, and Mr. Shawn Metcalf reported that there are several hundred. Mr. Donald Christian questioned whether the situation involves crowd control issues or if students are bothering passengers and fighting.

Ms. Renee Greene mentioned that it's taunting & fighting.

Ms. Dawn Distler responded that Shawn and his team are effective at managing various circumstances.

## **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 10:05 am



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

11 / 21 / 24  
**Date (MM/DD/YYYY)**