

**Triangle Transit Authority Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2009**

MCNC, 3021 Cornwallis Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Bell	Jeff Merritt
Jean Davis	Ellen Reckhow (arr. 10:18 a.m.)
Joe Freddoso	William G. Smith (arr. 10:26 a.m.)
Alice Gordon (arr. 10:17 a.m.)	Bill Strom
Sig Hutchinson	Nina Szlosberg (arr. 10:31 a.m.)

**Board Members Absent:**

Bob Hinshaw (excused)	Kenneth Spaulding
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**Staff Present:**

Laurie Barrett	Patrick McDonough
Michelle Dawson	Greg Northcutt
Saundra Freeman	Brad Schulz
Damien Graham	Juanita Shearer-Swink
Wib Gulley	John Tallmadge
David King	

Chair Bill Strom called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**Action:** On motion by Freddoso and second by Merritt the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

**II. Recognition**

**A. Introduction of New Hires**

None.

**B. Announcement of Promotions**

None.

**III. Public Hearings**

None.

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Action:** On motion by Hutchinson and second by Freddoso the consent agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda item was approved:

- December 17, 2008 – Regular Session Minutes.

#### **VI. Presentations**

None.

#### **VII. General Business Agenda**

##### **A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None.

##### **B. Personnel Committee Report**

No report.

##### **C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report**

No report.

##### **D. Operations & Finance Committee Report**

###### **1. Recommended Route Changes Related to Opening of Durham Station**

John Tallmadge explained that the opening of Durham Station has been postponed until March so the effective date of these changes is uncertain at this time.

Gordon arrived.

Hutchinson asked how passengers are being advised of the changes. Tallmadge replied that notices will be placed at the bus stops with a map of the nearest stop.

Reckhow arrived.

**Action:** On motion by Merritt and second by Hutchinson the Board approved the route changes as noted above. The motion was carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Freddoso reported that the finance department discussed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and preliminary audit findings and a report was received on paratransit service which has shown steady growth.

#### **VIII. Other Business**

##### **A. General Manager's Report**

David King highlighted the following items:

- Briefing three new county commission chairs on the STAC report.
- Triangle Transit saw a 20% growth in ridership from December 2007 to December 2008.
- Expect to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) for private bus contractors to serve Triangle Transit express routes by the end of January.

- Electricity service was turned on to the ticket building yesterday and the Certificate of Occupancy is expected tomorrow.

Reckhow asked how to follow up on the list of projects submitted for the federal economic stimulus package. King said that no one knows the rules yet, but staff is doing what it can now.

Smith arrived.

Gordon asked to see a copy of the project list.

Szlosberg arrived.

**B. General Counsel's Report**

General Counsel Wib Gulley said that applications are being accepted for Assistant General Counsel. He added that an agreement with NCCR has been signed to extend Triangle Transit usage rights for the corridor for 12 months.

**C. Chair's Report**

None.

**D. Board Member Reports**

**1. CAMPO TAC Representative**

Jeff Merritt stated the TAC meets next week.

**2. DCHC TAC Representative**

Bill Strom reported that Patrick McDonough had advised him that Triangle Transit is in good shape on the regional priority list. He said a public hearing was held by DCHC meeting, but the 2035 LRTP was not adopted. He added that staff found a problem on the revenue side of the plan.

Reckhow pointed out that the model of proposed investments does not show strong ridership. Strom suggested that a future Board agenda include a discussion on the model.

**3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative**

None.

**E. New Business**

None.

**IX. Closed Session(s)**


None.

**X. Adjournment**

**Action:** On motion by Gordon the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

  
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Bill Strom, Chair

Attest:

  
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Michelle C. Dawson, CMC  
Clerk to the TTA Board