**COMET BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Special Call Meeting**

**August 13, 2014**

**Members Present: Guest Present:**

**City of Columbia**  Ron Anderson Frannie Heizer, McNair Law Firm

Brian DeQuincey Newman Keith Seymour, MTRA

Liz Crum, McNair Law Firm

**Forest Acres** Jake Broom Rick Silver, Chernoff Newman

Jackie Bowers, Veolia Transportation

**Lexington County** Lill Mood Larry Livingston, Veolia Transportation

Rebecca Conway, Lexington County

Sandra McKinley, Veolia Transportation

**Richland County** Mac Bennett Karl Roush, ABLE, SC

Kelvin Washington\* Heloris Wooldridge, Veolia Transportation

Jennifer Harding\* Walter Durst, MTRA Hampton Miller, Chernoff Newman

**Rich. Co. Leg. Dele.** John Furgess Chuck Statler, Derrick, Stubbs and Stith

Robert Morris Rosalyn Lorrick, Veolia Transportation

Jerry Bowers, Veolia Transportation

**Absent Board Members:** Darin Black, Veolia Transportation

Skip Jenkins Dawn Hinshaw, The State

Debbie Summers Gloria Tanner, Consultant

Derrick Huggins Derrick Bruin, Veolia Transportation

**COMET Staff Present:**

Robert Schneider, Executive Director

\*Denotes Participation by Phone Missy Lawlor, Administrative Coordinator

Daphne Givens, Finance Manager

Rosalyn Andrews, Staff Accountant

Pamela Middleton

Brittany Higgins

Tiffany James

LeRoy DesChamps

Samuel Scheib

Virginia Goodson

Michelle Ransom

Da’Veda Sistrunk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brian DeQuincey Newman called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Ron Anderson and seconded by Mac Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL/PERSONNEL**

**A motion was made by Mac Bennett and seconded by Ron Anderson to enter into Executive Session for discussion of legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mac Bennett and seconded by Jake Broom to come out of executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Brian DeQuincey Newman and seconded by Kelvin Washington to approve the Contract Operator RFP with a release date of Monday, August 18, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Brian DeQuincey Newman and seconded by Mac Bennett to extend the Veolia contract thru January 2015. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Ron Anderson and seconded by Brian DeQuincey Newman to change Route 23 from 60 minute service to 40 minute service as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Kelvin Washington and seconded by Ron Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Brian DeQuincey Newman adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:44 AM.

*COMET Board Meeting minutes are prepared and presented in summary form, audio recordings of the meetings are on file at the COMET.*