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**Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority  
Special Service Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 4, 2020-12:00 P.M.  
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Conference Room A**

**Members Present:**

John V. Furgess, Sr.\*  
Carolyn Gleaton\*  
Derrick Huggins\*  
Al Koon\*  
Colonel (R) Roger Leaks, Jr., Chair\*  
Lil Mood\*  
Geraldine Robinson\*

**Guests Present:**

None

**Absent Committee Members:**

Skip Jenkins

*\*indicates participation by phone*

**The COMET Staff Present**

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO  
Leroy DesChamps, Director of Administration Operations/COO  
Alexis Feliciano, Transit Traffic Checker  
Eric Harris, Planning & Development Specialist  
Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Col. Leaks called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.



## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### **Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Gleaton and seconded by Ms. Mood to adopt the agenda.

**Approve:** Gleaton\*, Furgess\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Motion passed**

## 3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

### A. Review RATP Dev's Key Personnel

Col. Leaks explained that the Committee will look at the resume's today. Mr. Andoh explained per internal procedures, he would present the candidates and determine how he should proceed.

Mr. Andoh reviewed each proposed candidate:

Corey Gagnon – Proposed General Manager  
Joe Sanchez – Proposed Operations Manager  
Rushabh Kamdar – Proposed Safety and Training Manager  
Rob Sweeney – Proposed Vehicle and Facility Maintenance Manager  
Jem Howard – Proposed Paratransit Operations Manager

Ms. Gleaton asked about references. Mr. Andoh stated that he does not have the ability to check the references as that is left up to the contractor. Ms. Mood and Mr. Huggins agreed that as long as there were no red flags, they are comfortable with RATP Dev's recommendations.

Ms. Mood reminded the Committee that Mr. Sweeney visited and helped perform the safety maintenance audit.

### **Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to recommend to approval of the General Manager to the Board.

**Approve:** Gleaton\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

Voice Vote:

Furgess - Nay

Gleaton - Aye

Huggins - Aye

Leaks – Aye

Mood - Aye



**Motion passed**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Col. Leaks to recommend to the Board to accept Joe Sanchez as the Operations Manager.

**Approve:** Gleaton\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Voice Vote:**

Furgess - Nay

Gleaton - Aye

Huggins - Aye

Leaks – Aye

Mood - Aye

**Motion passed**

Mr. Furgess inquired about local candidates and their qualifications. Discussion ensued regarding local staff and the incoming key personnel. Mr. Andoh confirmed that RATP Dev looked at the local candidates and determined their recommendations are the preferred choice. Ms. Gleaton asked if internal candidates were encouraged to apply. Mr. Andoh confirmed.

The Committee discussed Mr. Kamdar's qualifications. Mr. Andoh confirmed that he will be required to teach a course at the technical college to aid in recruitment of qualified bus operators.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to recommend acceptance of this key person to the management team to the Board.

**Approve:** Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Voice Vote:**

Furgess - Nay

Gleaton - Nay

Huggins - Aye

Leaks – Aye

Mood - Aye

**Motion passed**

**Motion:**



A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to recommend to the Board acceptance of Mr. Sweeny as the Vehicle Maintenance Manager.

**Approve:** Gleaton\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Voice Vote:**

Furgess - Nay

Gleaton - Aye

Huggins - Aye

Leaks – Aye

Mood - Aye

**Motion passed**

Mr. Furgess mentioned the lack of diversity in the group of resumes presented. Mr. Andoh explained that this is not a qualifying criterion and could become a legal challenge.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Ms. Gleaton to recommend to the Board the acceptance of Jem Howard as the Paratransit Manager.

**Approve:** Gleaton\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*

**Absent:** None

**Voice Vote:**

Furgess - Nay

Gleaton - Aye

Huggins - Aye

Leaks – Aye

Mood - Aye

**Motion passed**

Mr. Andoh did explain time is of the essence and he will arrange for RATP Dev's chosen candidates to be present at a future Service Committee Meeting.

**4. Adjourn**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded Ms. Gleaton to adjourn the Service Committee meeting.

**Approve:** Gleaton, Huggins, Leaks, Mood

**Absent:** None

**Motion passed.**



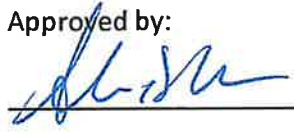
*The meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M.*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this July, 2020, Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_  
Prepared by:

  
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Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

Approved by:

  
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Andy Smith, Secretary

