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**The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority  
Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Friday, June 5, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.  
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 - Conference Room A**

**Members Present:**

Ron Anderson, Chair \*  
Joyce Dickerson\*  
John V. Furgess, Sr.\*  
Mike Green\*  
Representative Leon Howard\*  
Derrick Huggins\*  
Skip Jenkins\*  
Al Koon\*  
Col. (R) Roger Leaks, Jr.\*  
Lill Mood\*  
Dr. Robert Morris\*  
Geraldine Robinson\*  
Andy Smith\*  
Debbie Summers\*  
Allison Terracio\*  
Barry Walker  
*\*Indicates participation by phone.*

**Guests Present:**

Pam Baker, Attorney, Burr & Foreman Law Firm\*

**Absent Board Members:**

Carolyn Gleaton  
B.J. Unthank



The COMET Staff Present

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO  
Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO  
Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Marketing & Public Information Manger  
LeRoy DesChamps, Director of Administration & Operations/COO  
Eric Harris, Planning & Development Specialist  
Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist  
Arlene Prince, Director of Regulatory Compliance & Civil Rights Officer

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

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.  
A quorum was determined at the beginning of the meeting.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Ayes: Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\***

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Gleaton, Howard, Terracio**

**Voice Vote:**

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Aye\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Absent

Huggins - Aye

Leaks - Aye\*

Mood - Aye\*

Morris - Aye\*

Smith - Aye\*

Terracio - Absent

Motion passed.

**3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

- A. ADOPT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 20-21 OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL BUDGET SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BYMEMBER AGENCY GOVERNMENTS AND REASSESS BUDGET IN DECEMBER 2020 AS IT RELATES TO COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR STAFF AND FARE COLLECTION**



Ms. Dickerson expressed frustration regarding the number of meetings being held over the past few weeks.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the budget.

Ayes: Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

Nays: Furgess\*,

Absent: Gleaton, Howard, Terracio

Voice Vote:

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Nay\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Absent

Huggins - Aye\*

Leaks - Aye\*

Mood - Aye\*

Morris - Aye\*

Smith - Aye\*

Terracio - Absent

Motion passed.

**B. ACCEPT RATP DEV'S KEY PERSONNEL**

Attorney Baker explained that we are not accepting RATP Dev's key personnel. She referred to the contract and stated that if someone opposes a particular candidate, a motion would need to be made to reject that particular candidate. She added if they are not rejected, they are automatically approved.

Mr. Furgess referred to the investigation letter sent to RATP Dev confirming that local candidates have or have not been interviewed for the key personnel positions that has not been received. Mr. Anderson confirmed that we need to get the key personnel in place as soon as possible. Mr. Andoh stated they have twenty-six (26) days to transition. Discussion ensued regarding Service Committee's recommendation and procedures.

Dr. Morris is concerned that there are no local candidates recommended for these positions and the lack of information provided. Ms. Mood referred to the Service Committee and stated it was explained that the contractor goes through their own corporate hiring process and this is the result of that process. She continued to say that the Board does not need to insert themselves into the hiring process. Dr. Morris added a point of information that the Executive Director should not be



involved in the hiring process of the contractor's key personnel. He added that this is the contractor's responsibility.

Mr. Furgess stated that there are no local candidates that have been considered and there is a lack of diversity in the group the contractor provided.

Ms. Dickerson agreed with Ms. Mood regarding the role of the Board in the hiring process. Ms. Mood followed up that we do not have any information to tell us what the contractor's procedure for the selection process. She added that by reading the resumes, there was nothing that stated race, ethnic origin or sex of the candidates.

Mr. Anderson reminded that the Board cannot approve a candidate, only reject.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess and seconded by Dr. Morris to reject all candidates.

**Ayes:** Furgess\*, Morris\*

**Nays:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard, Terracio

**Voice Vote:**

Anderson - Nay\*

Dickerson - Nay\*

Furgess - Aye\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Absent

Huggins - Nay\*

Leaks - Nay\*

Mood - Nay\*

Morris - Aye\*

Smith - Nay\*

Terracio - Absent

Motion fails.

**C. RECOMMEND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH LUCIUS ROAD BUS STOP PROJECT**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Dickerson and seconded by Dr. Morris to move forward with Lucius Road bus stop project.

**Ayes:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard, Terracio



Voice Vote:

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Aye\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Absent

Huggins - Aye\*

Leaks - Aye\*

Mood - Aye\*

Morris - Aye

Smith - Aye\*

Terracio - Absent

Motion passed.

*Ms. Terracio joined the call at 1:23 P.M.*

*Representative Howard joined the call at 1:24 P.M.*

#### D. APPROVAL OF TRANSDEV'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE PARTS DIRECTLY

Mr. Andoh explained that Transdev is requesting to purchase parts directly from vendors due to Transport Care Services (TCS) inability to pay vendors on time and creating an issue for Transdev being able to complete the maintenance of the fleet before new contractor starts. Transdev and TCS are working on resolving the matter, however, which is why Transdev will bypass TCS to purchase parts, thus reducing Transdev's ability to reach the 25.9% DBE goal for this Contract.

Mr. Andoh stated that he has asked Transdev to go ahead and move forward and asking for the Board to ratify his actions.

#### Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Terracio to move ratify the Executive Director's actions.

**Ayes:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gleaton

Voice Vote:

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Nay\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Aye\*



Huggins - Aye\*  
Leaks - Aye\*  
Mood - Aye\*  
Morris - Aye\*  
Smith - Aye\*  
Terracio - Aye\*  
Motion passed.

E. APPROVAL TO PAY TRANSDEV INVOICES FROM MARCH 16, 2020 TO MAY 15, 2020

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Dickerson to approve to pay Transdev invoices from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

Ayes: Anderson\*, Uickerson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Nays: None

Absent: Gleaton

Voice Vote:

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Aye\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Aye\*

Huggins - Aye\*

Leaks - Aye\*

Mood - Aye\*

Morris - Aye

Smith - Aye\*

Terracio - Aye\*

Motion passed.

4. LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL/PERSONNEL (MAY REQUIRE EXECUTIVE SESSION)

A. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (5) - DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION OF AN EMPLOYEE

*Ms. Summers joined the call at 1:26 P.M.*

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Mr. Huggins to enter Executive Session.

Ayes: Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*



Nays: None  
Absent: Gleaton

Voice Vote:  
Anderson – Aye\*  
Dickerson – Aye\*  
Furgess – Aye\*  
Gleaton – Absent  
Howard – Aye\*  
Huggins – Aye\*  
Leaks – Aye\*  
Mood – Aye\*  
Morris – Aye  
Smith – Aye\*  
Terracio – Aye\*  
Motion passed.

*The Board entered Executive Session at 1:30 P.M.*

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess and seconded by Mr. Huggins to exit Executive Session.

Ayes: Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*,  
Terracio\*  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gleaton

Voice Vote:  
Anderson – Aye\*  
Dickerson – Aye\*  
Furgess – Aye\*  
Gleaton – Absent  
Howard – Aye\*  
Huggins – Aye\*  
Leaks – Aye\*  
Mood – Aye\*  
Morris – Aye  
Smith – Aye\*  
Terracio – Aye\*  
Motion passed.



The Board exited Executive Session at 2:03 P.M.

5. ADJOURN

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess and seconded by Ms. Mood to adjourn.

Ayes: Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Huggins\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Nays: None

Absent: Gleaton

Voice Vote:

Anderson - Aye\*

Dickerson - Aye\*

Furgess - Aye\*

Gleaton - Absent

Howard - Aye\*

Huggins - Aye\*

Leaks - Aye\*

Mood - Aye\*

Morris - Aye

Smith - Aye\*

Terracio - Aye\*

Motion passed.

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Meeting adjourned at 2:06 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, Board Secretary