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Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 12:00 P.M.  
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 - Conference Room A

**Members Present:**

Ron Anderson\*  
Steve Cain\*  
Joyce Dickerson\*  
John V. Furgess, Sr.\*  
Mike Green\*  
Representative Leon Howard\*  
Derrick Huggins\* (left call at 12:30 P.M.)  
Col. (R) Roger Leaks, Jr., Chair\*  
Lill Mood\*  
Dr. Robert Morris\*  
Geraldine Robinson\*  
Andy Smith\*  
Allison Terracio\*  
B.J Unthank\*  
Barry Walker\*

*\*indicates  
participation by  
phone*

**Guests Present:**

Pam Baker, Attorney, Burr & Forman  
Katherine Cason, DPA/Grant Assistant, Lexington County  
Corey Gagnon, General Manager, RATP Dev  
Frannie Heizer, Attorney, Burr & Forman  
Ben Limmer, Transition Manager, RATP Dev  
Satara Lopez, Guest  
Rob Tyson, Attorney, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte  
Corey Von Korff, Burr & Furman  
Thelma Walker, Transport Care Services  
Robert Young Williams, RATP Dev

**Members Absent:**

Carolyn Gleaton  
Debbie Summers



The COMET Staff Present:

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO

Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO

Leroy DesChamps, Director of Administration Operations/COO

Tanisha Gibbons, Interim Customer Experience & Contract Compliance Specialist

Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

Arlene Prince, Director of Regulatory Compliance and Civil Rights Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Col. Leaks called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. after the determination of a quorum.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the agenda.

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

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard

Motion passed

3. MIDLANDS TRANSIT RIDERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

No representation

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST SIGN UP PRIOR TO THE CALL TO ORDER.

B. COMMENT TIME LIMIT - TWO (2) MINUTES PER PERSON.

No representation

Mr. Walker expressed concern regarding the bus route 83L in Harbison/Irmo area that homeless people are loitering and building encampments. Mr. Andoh explained that currently The COMET is fare free and the Board will reconsider fare free in December. Mr. Andoh suggested having some law enforcement ride the route and are made aware of the encampments.

Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Green agreed with Mr. Walker regarding the routes in their areas of service.

5. PRESENTATION

A. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR RATP DEV

Mr. Andoh introduced Mr. Gagnon. He reported that he would be recognizing six (6) employees.

Mr. Gagnon stated that the RATP Dev employee of the month for August 2020 is Ms.



Lopez. Ms. Lopez began her career in transit when she was 16 years old. Since then she has displayed an excellent attitude and capable of taking on more responsibility. She is highly recommended when there is a need for an operator for special events. She is always ready and willing to lend a hand when a shift needs to be covered. She is a team player and always has a smile on her face when she interacts with the drivers. She has proven to be an invaluable asset to the operations department explained Mr. Gagnon.

Mr. Gagnon explained that Transport Care Service he would like to recognize Ms. Walker as employee of the month for August 2020. Ms. Walker started out part time as a customer service representative and a year later she was offered a full-time position. Ms. Walker has moved into the reservationist position and always goes above and beyond the call of duty to accommodate passengers and their trip needs. She treats every passenger like family and for that the passengers and TCS are forever thankful. Mr. Gagnon introduced Ms. Walker.

Mr. Gagnon continued to state that the RATP Dev employee of the month for September 2020 is Mr. Williams from maintenance. Mr. Williams began his career in transit as a mechanic several years ago. Since then Mr. Williams has displayed an excellent attitude and remarkable work history. He is always eager to volunteer when there is a need regarding special projects and even unpopular assignments. He is always ready and willing to lend a hand when a shift needs to be covered. He is a team player and always friendly and outgoing. He has proven to be a very valuable asset to the maintenance department.

Transport Care Services employee of the month for September 2020 is Ms. Thomas. Ms. Thomas started with Transport Care Services in 2017, working as a driver. She has been selected as our Employee of the Month because she exemplifies the characteristics of a real team player! She goes above and beyond to accommodate her passengers. I have never heard her grumble or complain no matter how many times her schedule changes, or what we ask her to do. She is the epitome of courtesy and professionalism. She is professional on the radio and helps her co-workers when asked stated Mr. Gagnon.

Mr. Gagnon further stated that the RATP Dev employee of the month for October 2020 is Ms. Mayes. Ms. Mayes began her career in transit about eight years ago. Since then Ms. Mayes has displayed an excellent attitude and capable of taking on more responsibility. She works well with all the operators and when the role of Operations Supervisor became available Ms. Mayes was promoted from Operator to Operations Supervisor in 2016. She is an asset to the organization and to the team.

Mr. Gagnon explained that the TCS Employee of the month for October 2020 is Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams started with TCS on July 1, 2015. He has been an asset and



pleasure to work with. He has been a loyal fixture in The COMET facility for years now. Mr. Williams has helped keep COMET Central clean and the vehicles here at The COMET clean while always keeping a pleasant attitude and smile.

Col. Leaks commended the employees and thanked them for their service.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. ADOPT TITLE VI PROGRAM

Col. Leaks introduced Dr. Prince. Dr. Prince explained that The COMET is required to implement and comply with requirements of Title VI. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act protects any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin from being excluded from participation, being denied the benefits of, or being otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

Dr. Prince recommended that the Board of Directors approve The COMET's updated Title VI Plan for compliance with Federal regulations after holding a public hearing. Discussion ensued regarding the change and the posting in the virtual environment.

Col. Leaks opened the Public Hearing at 12:23 P.M. Mr. Andoh confirmed there were no speakers. Col. Leaks closed the Public Hearing at 12:23 P.M.

*Representative Howard joined the call at 12:24 P.M.*

Caller on the public line asked about service regarding 96L route. Mr. Andoh explained.

#### Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Dickerson and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the presentation by Dr. Prince as presented.

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

**Absent:** Gleaton

**Motion passed**

Mr. Furgess wanted clarification regarding the public hearing procedures and notifications. Col. Leaks explained the process.

### B. ADDITION OF UNIVERSITY ROUTES TO THE COMET TRANSIT SYSTEM AND ROUTE 4 CHANGES

Mr. Andoh referred to Page 107 and stated that the staff is recommending that the Board of Directors conduct a public hearing to add Routes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,



23, 24, 25 and 94 to The COMET Transit System and a re-route to The Orbit Route 4 to serve SC Works and approve the service change to be retroactive to September 1, 2020.

Mr. Andoh continued that The COMET Board of Directors approved a contract with the University of South Carolina (UofSC) to be operate powered by The COMET. He continued that 11 new routes were added to The COMET system fully funded by University of South Carolina (UofSC), but open to the general public. As a result of the new service that started on September 1, 2020, The Board of Directors must hold a public hearing to formally add these routes to The COMET system.

Mr. Andoh confirmed that thirty (30) days prior, flyers, advertisements, social media, newspaper and press releases were used to notify the public. He advised that we received no feedback regarding the changes.

*Mr. Huggins recused himself from the hearing and the vote approximately 12:30 P.M.*

Dr. Morris asked Ms. Mood whether this was vetted through the Service Committee. Ms. Mood confirmed that the Service Committee had reviewed the changes. The Board discussed the process of the public hearing.

Mr. Andoh referred the Board to page 117 of the packet to explain the public hearing policy. Mr. Andoh confirmed there was a public workshop.

Col. Leaks opened the public hearing at 12:40 P.M.  
Col. Leaks closed the public hearing at 12:41 P.M.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Dickerson and seconded Mr. Anderson to accept the recommendation and the report from Mr. Andoh as presented.

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

**Absent:** Gleaton

**Abstain:** Furgess\*, Huggins

**Motion passed**

**C. DECEMBER 6, 2020 SERVICE CHANGES**

Mr. Andoh mentioned that Mr. Harris has joined the meeting to help address any questions regarding the service changes. Mr. Andoh explained that the Service Committee is asking the Board of Directors to consider holding a public hearing for route changes that exceed 25% for implementation on December 6, 2020.

Mr. Andoh reminded that due to the pandemic, the Board authorized an enhanced



Saturday schedule. The purpose of these changes is to ensure that each route is performing optimally by meeting the level of demand. He referred to pages 126 - 130 that outlines the proposed changes. He confirmed that the advertising on social media and other platforms were completed and workshops were held. As a result of the workshops, the following were of concern:

- 1) Route 57L - to continue as is. 53X and 57L - combining routes due to low ridership.
- 2) Soda Cap 1 - to continue as is.
- 3) Better connectivity for the House of Raeford - extension of 96L.

Mr. Andoh explained the new programs for those who live outside the service area and the impact of a reduction in funding. Discussion ensued regarding the underperforming routes.

Col. Leaks opened the public hearing at 12:54 P.M.  
Col. Leaks closed the public hearing at 12:54 P.M.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Dickerson to accept the results of the public hearing and approve.

Dr. Morris asked for clarification of cost to currently run these routes. Mr. Andoh confirmed that the proposed reduction of seventeen thousand (17,000) service hours annually is one million, twenty-two thousand forty (\$1, 220, 040). He reminded that though routes are being cut, we are also adding routes that are in demand. Mr. Andoh confirmed that the CARES Act Funding is only partial funding and we are trying to be proactive by being mindful of the budget. Discussion continued regarding the subsidy programs and review of the amount subsidized.

*Ms. Terracio left the meeting at 12:59 P.M.*

Mr. Anderson commended the staff for continuing to examine the service.

Ms. Dickerson called for the question and Mr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Anderson restated his motion below:

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Dickerson to accept the findings of the public hearing and the route changes.

An amended motion was made by Dr. Morris to indicate that in addition to the motion, this should go to the Finance Committee to discuss looking at funds for those



individuals who would be affected by this change.

Mr. Anderson asked for clarification of the amendment. Ms. Dickerson and Mr. Anderson approved the amendment.

Restated Amended Motion:

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded Ms. Dickerson to accept the findings of the public hearing and the route changes and additionally this should go to the Finance Committee to discuss looking at funds for those individuals who would be affected by this change.

Approve: Anderson\*, Dickerson \*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*,  
Smith\*

Absent: Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

Motion passed

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7. **CONSENT CALENDAR: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A GROUP AND ACTED UPON BY ONE MOTION WITH NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION, UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER SO REQUESTS. IN THAT EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ACTION.**

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded Ms. Mood to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Approve: Anderson\*, Dickerson \*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*,  
Smith\*

Absent: Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

Motion passed

8. **FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTION ITEMS**

A. **CUSTOMER'S REQUEST FOR CASH REFUND**

Mr. Smith explained the reason for requesting the refund. Ms. Smith has moved out of town and no longer has use for the pass.

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Dickerson and seconded by Dr. Morris that we accept the Chair's recommendation that came out of the Committee.

Approve: Anderson\*, Dickerson \*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*,  
Smith\*

Absent: Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

Motion passed



B. RATP DEV SUBCONTRACTING

Mr. Furgess asked if the tracking of subcontracting that is occurring for RATP Dev being done for The COMET? Dr. Prince stated that she does not have adequate data to present at this time regarding The COMET's M/DBE goal attainment. She confirmed that she would have this information next month for the Finance Committee and the Board.

Conversation ensued regarding the difference between Item 8B and Items 8C and 8D and the person that is presenting each item. Mr. Andoh confirmed that Item 8B was a request from RATP Dev and the other items fell under The COMET's Contracting Officer and went through the procurement process for 8C. Security, 8D. Landscaping and 8E. Janitorial Contracts.

Ms. Mood called Point Of Order.

Discussion continued.

Dr. Prince explained that The COMET staff has been in recent discussions with RATP DEV regarding the DBE Contract Goal for detailing, bus stop maintenance, physicals, and drug and alcohol testing.

Dr. Prince further explained that Capital Building Services was also listed in the proposal and included in the contract (Table 1) to handle vehicle detailing. After much consideration and review of all components of the work tasks, Capital Building Services determined that they would be unable to fulfill this activity. She further stated that while all the details are being worked out, Capital Building Services has agreed to handle vehicle detailing on a temporary basis until a permanent DBE is located to implement this activity. The interim agreement is set to expire on October 31, 2020.

RATP DEV has requested to replace Capital Building Services with Transport Care Services, stated Dr. Prince. Transport Care Services will then subcontract the vehicle detailing to Kare Pro Janitorial Services, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firm certified to handle vehicle detailing. Currently, Transport Care Services is certified to wash vehicles but not vehicle detailing. RATP DEV believes that placing the washing of vehicles and vehicle detailing under one contract will provide more effective management of similar work items.

Dr. Prince continued to explain that RATP DEV is also requesting to add Ed Rush Consulting & Development Group to handle alcohol and drug testing to meet federal requirements and oversee company physicals. Ed Rush Consulting & Development Group is already an approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firm to work on this





project in another category.

In conclusion, Dr. Prince asked the Board to give the COMET staff authorization to proceed with approval of 1) RATP DEV subcontracting with TCS to handle the vehicle detailing via Kare Pro, a certified DBE; and 2) RATP DEV subcontracting with Ed Rush Development & Consulting to handle drug and alcohol testing, and company physicals.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board of Directors give the COMET staff authorization to proceed with approval of 1) RATP DEV subcontracting with TCS to handle the vehicle detailing via Kare Pro, a certified DBE; and 2) RATP DEV subcontracting with Ed Rush Development & Consulting to handle drug and alcohol testing, and company physicals.

The Board discussed the washing of the buses. Mr. Gagnon stated that there are still issues but parts have been ordered and this will be fully operational.

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**Approve:** Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Dickerson (no response), Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

Motion passed

**C. SECURITY CONTRACT AWARD**

Mr. Andoh referred to page 17B in the packet. He continued to explain that the Finance Committee is asking for the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with New Age Security to provide security guard services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, Strategic Security as well as schedule a meeting with appropriate law enforcement to determine if the security guards should be armed or unarmed.

Mr. Andoh stated that we released a Request for Proposal and New Age Security was the most successful bidder.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with New Age Security to provide security guard services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, Strategic Security as well as schedule a meeting with appropriate law enforcement to determine if the security guards should be armed or unarmed.



**Approve:** Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Dickerson (no response), Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

**Motion passed**

#### D. LANDSCAPING CONTRACT AWARD

Mr. Andoh explained that the Finance Committee is recommending to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with A. James Global Services to provide landscaping services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, Gregg's Lawn and Landscaping.

#### Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Smith to recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with A. James Global Services to provide landscaping services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, Gregg's Lawn and Landscaping.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Dickerson (no response), Gleaton, Howard (no response), Huggins, Terracio

**Abstain:** Furgess\*

**Motion passed**

#### E. JANITORIAL CONTRACT AWARD

Mr. Andoh explained that the Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with Capital Building Services to provide janitorial services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, B & C Associates.

#### Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Mood to recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with Capital Building Services to provide janitorial services for The COMET facilities for a five year period with five, one year options and if negotiations are not successful, to negotiate and award to the second most responsive bidder, B & C Associates.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson, Furgess \*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*



**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard (no response), Huggins, Terracio  
**Motion passed**

**F. ELECTRIC BUS TRANSFER FROM WEGO TRANSIT**

Mr. Andoh informed the Board that the Finance Committee recommends authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to send a letter of interest for receiving up to five electric buses to Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority and return to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors with the final terms of the vehicle transfer.

Mr. Andoh explained that these buses are short range and can operate up to 10 miles without a charge. The charging station would be installed to allow the bus to recharge for another 10 miles for a 10-minute period.

Mr. Andoh informed that in order to use these buses, several key factors must be taken into consideration:

- Training of bus operators to operate the bus and mechanics to maintain the bus
- Installation of a charging station at the Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Approval by SCDOT to install an overhead charger on its right of way
- Approval by the City of Columbia to install the overhead charger through its normal permit process; and
- Establishment of an account with Dominion Energy regarding use of electric buses, since additional power would be generated beyond what The COMET is generally spending under its current rate schedule. An additional meter would be needed for the overhead charger.

The staff will continue to study with Proterra to determine if these buses will work for The COMET.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Mood to recommend to the Board of Directors authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to send a letter of interest for receiving up to five electric buses to Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority and return to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors with the final terms of the vehicle transfer.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess \*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard (no response), Huggins, Terracio

**Motion passed**

Discussion ensued regarding the buses.



G. SCHEDULE WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. Andoh explained that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors schedule a workshop to engage in a discussion about vehicle technologies, as requested by Dr. Robert Morris related to vehicle/fuel types and options (capital cost, variable costs and environmental impact).

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Mood to recommend that the Board of Directors schedule a workshop to engage in a discussion about vehicle technologies, as requested by Dr. Robert Morris related to vehicle/fuel types and options (capital cost, variable costs and environmental impact).

The Board discussed the process of vetting these topics through the committees.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess \*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard (no response), Huggins, Terracio

Motion passed

9. SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Mood gave a brief update of the Service Committee action items.

A. SPECIAL SERVICE REQUEST WITH TOWN OF CHAPIN

Mr. Andoh explained that the Service Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the operation of a shuttle for the Town of Chapin using a Soda Cap Connector Trolley from November 12, 2020 to November 14, 2020.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess and seconded by Ms. Mood to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the operation of a shuttle for the Town of Chapin using a Soda Cap Connector Trolley from November 12, 2020 to November 14, 2020.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess \*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

**Abstain:** Morris\*

Motion passed

B. SPECIAL SERVICE REQUEST WITH COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Andoh explained that the Columbia Housing Authority has requested The COMET help transport their senior and disabled population so that they may exercise their civic responsibility to vote in the 2020 election. The Service Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the operation of a shuttle for the Columbia Housing Authority Seniors using on-demand buses from October 19, 2020 until election day on November 3, 2020 on the specified days of Monday, Tuesday and, where applicable,



Wednesday during that time period.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Dickerson to recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the operation of a shuttle for the Columbia Housing Authority Seniors using on-demand buses from October 19, 2020 until election day on November 3, 2020 on the specified days of Monday, Tuesday and, where applicable, Wednesday during that time period.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Furgess \*, Howard\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Huggins, Terracio

**Motion passed**

*Ms. Terracio rejoined the meeting.*

**10. MOTION PERIODS (NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN ON THE MOTIONS REQUESTED)**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board policy be changed to say that all appointments and hiring of key contractor staff and COMET staff be accepted without Service Committee or Board involvement if they meet the qualifications specified in the contract and/or the job description as verified by the Executive Director, and this motion be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and recommendation to the full Board.

Mr. Furgess expressed concern with the motion regarding members of color. Ms. Mood clarified that this would go to the Executive Committee. It was explained that the motion be taken to the Executive Committee for consideration.

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Mr. Anderson to send motion to Executive Committee for consideration.

Dr. Morris recommended this be placed on the next Board agenda. Ms. Mood and Mr. Anderson agreed to accept this modification.

**Modified Motion:**

A modified motion was made by Ms. Mood and seconded by Mr. Anderson to send the motion to the Board for consideration.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Dickerson\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Smith\* , Terracio\*

**Absent:** Gleaton, Howard (no response), Huggins,

**Abstain:** Furgess\*, Morris\*

**Motion passed**



PROGRESS REPORTS - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - 2 MINUTES PER PRESENTER

A. CHAIR REPORT & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Col. Leaks gave a brief report regarding the Board's progress.

B. COMMITTEE CHAIRS UPDATE

I. COVID-19 AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

II. INTERMODAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE

None

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO REPORT

Mr. Andoh referred to the Executive Director Report in the packet.

I. COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

None

II. REVIEW OF BOARD MOTIONS FROM JAN 2017 TO PRESENT

None

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

A. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) - THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM - RICHLAND COUNTY INTEREST ISSUE (ROB TYSON)

B. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) - THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM - SC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

C. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) - THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM - RATP DEV

D. SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (2) - THE RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO A PENDING, THREATENED, OR POTENTIAL CLAIM OR OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL CLAIMS, OR THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN OTHER ADVERSARY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THE ASSERTION AGAINST THE AGENCY OF A CLAIM



Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Smith to enter Executive Session.

Approve: Anderson\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Absent: Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

Nay: Furgess\*

Motion passed

*The Board entered Executive Session at 2:25 P.M.*

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Smith to leave Executive Session.

Approve: Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Absent: Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

Motion passed

*The Board exited Executive Session at 3:21 P.M.*

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Col. Leaks to authorize Rob Tyson and his firm to request an Attorney General's opinion on the question of the payment of interest to The COMET on its portion of the Richland County Penny.

Approve: Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Absent: Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

Motion passed

Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn.

Approve: Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

Absent: Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

Motion passed

*The meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Prepared by:

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Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist



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**Approve:** Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

**Absent:** Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

**Motion passed**

**Motion:**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn.

**Approve:** Anderson\*, Furgess\*, Leaks\*, Mood\*, Morris\*, Smith\*, Terracio\*

**Absent:** Dickerson, Gleaton, Howard, Huggins

**Motion passed**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.*

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this Nov., 2020

Prepared by:

  
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Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

Approved by:

  
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Allison Terracio, Secretary