

**DeKalb County Board of
Commissioners**



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**JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer**

Department of the County Clerk

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer
Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer
Nancy Jester, Commissioner
Larry Johnson, Commissioner
Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner (Telephone)
Lorraine Davis Johnson

MARTA BOARD MEMBERS:

Roderick Frierson
Rita Scott

MARTA MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Parker, General Manager/CEO
Elizabeth O'Neill, General Counsel
Colleen Kiernan, Senior Director of Government and Community Affairs
Melissa Mullinax, Chief of Staff
Frank Rucker

Robert L. Brown, Commissioner of GDOT

An agenda was not submitted for this meeting.

Discussion

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the one penny being used as collateral for the half penny?

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Mr. Parker stated that the one cent will be funding the existing system including the 10-year version.

Commissioner Johnson stated that MARTA should counsel the Board on how to get what we want, which is rail. MARTA is the rail person.

Mereda David Johnson spoke via the telephone and stated that this is focused on the 15th amendment, some of the concerns of Commissioner Johnson are valid. May exceed what we are looking for, can someone address?

Commissioner Rader stated that Mr. Williams asked DeKalb CFO to work to better understand the cash flow, the amount that is committed. DeKalb will do an assessment and provide a memo.


Commissioner Cochran Johnson stated that in the spirit of good faith and fair dealing, has anyone ever seen any form of financial report?

Commissioner Rader stated that when MARTA was rebuilding its financial position. What we hear is that we are solvent, we're building our financial reserves. We will articulate a more formal basis for such reporting.

Board Member Frierson stated that he has seen the financials, its public record and they can be provided.

Commissioner Cochran Johnson stated that the existing contracts should be voided for vagueness, that's what I've been saying since before I took office. Want to get what we deserve. All of us do not contribute equally. I'm surprised that there is not a breakout for where each penny goes. Yu should want that to because it gives you credibility.

Several documents were submitted to the members and they are attached.


Barbara Sanders, Norwood, CCC, OMC, MMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer