



Memphis Area Transit Authority

MATA'S MISSION: To provide a reliable, safe, accessible, clean and customer-friendly Public Transportation System that meets the needs of the community.

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**Emergency Meeting
MATA Board of Commissioners
Thursday, January 26, 2017
City Hall, 7th Floor**

Agenda items:

- 1. Acceptance of the resignation of Ronald L. Garrison, President/General Manager/ Chief Executive Officer and the approval of related documents.**
- 2. Appointment of Gary J. Rosenfeld as interim President/ General Manager/Chief Executive Officer.**

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EMERGENCY MEETING JANUARY 26, 2017
MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CALL TO ORDER: An Emergency Meeting of the MATA Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday January 26, 2017 at 4:30p.m. at City Hall, 125 N. Main Street.

The Board convened in Executive Session. MATA General Counsel Bruce Smith informed the Board that on January 25, 2017, Ron Garrison was issued a Misdemeanor Citation on a charge Of Solicitation of Prostitution Near A Church Or School as part of an undercover "sting" operation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). TBI has not announced the issuance of the Citation to Mr. Garrison and will hold a press conference tomorrow. The undercover "sting" operation is not public and may be ongoing.

Mr. Smith informed the MATA Board that there were legal issues as to Mr. Garrison's termination of appointment as MATA President/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer and of his Employment Contract with Mid-South Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM), including claims the parties could assert against the other. Mr. Smith reported and provided information to the MATA Board as to the legal issues. After MATA's discussions with Mr. Garrison today, Mr. Garrison after consultation with his attorney, resigned as MATA President/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer and from his employment with MTM. Mr. Garrison has executed a Separation Agreement, the terms of which Mr. Smith summarized for the MATA Board. The Separation Agreement contains a full and general release of all claims by Mr. Garrison against MATA, the MATA Board of Commissioners, MTM, the City of Memphis, the Mayor and the Memphis City Counsel.

The MATA Board then convened in open session.

Present: Chairman Sean Healy; Vice Chairman, Andre Gibson
Commissioners: John Vergos; Lauren Taylor; Tommy Pacello;
Roquita Coleman; Martin Lipinski; Kristen Bland

Absent: Shelia Williams

Quorum: Yes

Agenda Item No. 1

- 1. Acceptance of the resignation of Ronald L. Garrison, President/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer and the approval of related documents**

It was moved by Mr. John Vergos and seconded by Ms. Lauren Taylor that Agenda Item #1 be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved 8 to 0.

Motion Made By: John Vergos SECONDED: Tommy Pacello

YEA: Sean Healy; John Vergos; Lauren Taylor; Andre Gibson; Tommy Pacello; Kristen Bland; Roquita Coleman

NAY: None

Absent: Shelia Williams

Approved: January 26, 2017

Agenda Item No. 2

- 2. Appointment of Gary J. Rosenfeld as interim President/ General Manager/Chief Executive Officer.**

It was moved by Mr. Andre Gibson and seconded by Ms. Kristen Bland that Agenda Item #2 be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved 8 to 0.

Motion Made By: Andre Gibson SECONDED: Kristen Bland

YEA: Sean Healy; John Vergos; Lauren Taylor; Andre Gibson; Tommy Pacello; Kristen Bland; Roquita Coleman

NAY: None

Absent: Shelia Williams

Approved: January 26, 2017

Mr. Vergos moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Sean Healy
Chairman of the Board