CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(CARTA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13, 2026
Meeting Notes

A Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) Board of Directors meeting was held at the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) in the Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room located at 5790 Casper Padgett Way in North Charleston, SC at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

MEMBERSHIP: Brad Belt; Joe Boykin; Daniel Brownstein; Reggie Burgess; William Cogswell; Henry Darby; Christopher Emde; Dwayne Green; Will Haynie; Brandon Hudson; James Lewis; Craig Logan; Pat O'Neil; Christie Rainwater; Michael Seekings; Jimmy Ward; Robert Wehrman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Brownstein; Brandon Hudson; Pat O'Neil; Michael Seekings; Jimmy Ward; Robert Wehrman

PROXIES: Craig Harris for Mayor Belt; Carter McMillan for Chairman Boykin; Ron Brinson for Mayor Burgess; Michael Mathis for Mayor Cogswell; Lt. Steve Meade for Mayor Rainwater

OTHERS PRESENT: Elissa Smith (HDR); Tom Hiles (WSP); John Mitchell (STV, Inc.); Hannah Bowden (STV, Inc.); Sharon Broderick (Local Union #610 President/RATP Dev); Ed Remly (RATP Dev); Stanley Lacey (RATP Dev); Brandon Maybank (RATP Dev); Jacquelyn Spence (RATP Dev); Daniel Brock (HNTB); TV News Media Personnel

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Mitchum; Andrea Kozloski; Robin Mitchum; Megan Ross; Ben Cochran; Matthew Spath; Kim Coleman

1. **Call to Order**
   Chairman Seekings called the CARTA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and a quorum determination. Chairman Seekings announced that the Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session during today's Board Meeting.

2. **Consideration of Board Minutes: June 24, 2026 Meeting**

   Mr. Mathis made a motion to approve the June 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor O'Neil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Financial Status Report – Robin Mitchum**
   Robin Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, presented the financial status report for the month ending June 30, 2026. Ms. Mitchum stated that, overall, the agency remains in good shape and ended the month under budget with $0.00 unexpended funds. The reported ending balance includes an appropriated fund balance of $1,953,345. She noted capital is aligned with the budget and that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as well as the Balance Sheet, and information for the OnDemand Program are

included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet. Ms. Mitchum provided a brief overview of the following activities for FY2026 thus far:

Revenues:

- Farebox is the fares collected on the revenue vehicles.
- Passes & Mobile Ticketing are bus pass fares sold to customers.
- Local Contributions are local capital contributions for shelters.
- Federal Revenue includes operating for the year-to-date. Federal Revenue is recorded as eligible expenditures are incurred.
- Advertising is the advertising on the buses.
- Interest is interest earned from the SC Department of Revenue for delay of refund of paid fuel excise taxes.
- Insurance proceeds are a result of accidents.
- Miscellaneous revenue is the sale of scrap metal and lost & found cash.

Expenditures:

- Retiree Benefits include the cost of retiree insurance.
- Supplies include office, facility maintenance and signage supplies.
- Printing includes costs of printing passes and map brochures.
- Automotive is the cost to service the 2018 Ford F-150.
- Postage is shipping costs to return parts for the Genfare system and title paperwork.
- Dues/Membership is the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Equipment Rental includes the monthly battery lease for the electric buses, leased cutaway buses and facility maintenance equipment.
- Office Equipment Maintenance (OEM) includes Swiftly real time passenger predictions, Swiftly GPS Playback, Swiftly on-time performance, Swiftly run-times service, RCN NetCloud Essentials and NetCloud Advanced for mobile routers, Chargepoint electric charging system, Angeltrax management and system viewer, and other IT services.
- Rent includes the Ashley Phosphate Park & Ride lot, Dorchester Village Shopping Center Park & Ride lot, Leeds Avenue lot lease from Dominion, SC Works and document storage.
- Communications is the cost of phone, internet and radio services at the facilities and on the buses.
- Utilities include electric and water at the SuperStop, Melnick Park & Ride lot, the Radio Shop at Leeds Avenue, Medcom Street and the charging stations at Leeds Avenue.
- Auditing is the cost of the FY2025 GASB 75 actuary and the annual audit.
- OnDemand Program is customer transportation cost for same-day service through independent rideshare.
- Comprehensive Operating Analysis is services provided to develop a comprehensive operational analysis of CARTA services and strategic implementation plan.
- Other Professional Services include underground utility tank inspections and on-site inspection and technical advisor services.
- Shared Contract Services (IGA & Management) is the extensive services the BCDCOG provides to CARTA.
- Fixed-Route Service is the cost of fixed and commuter service provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit and RATP Dev USA, Inc.
- Onboarding Costs is RATP Dev USA, Inc. cost for contract service transition from National Express Shuttle and Transit.

- Money Transport is the cost of the armored guard service to transport cash deposits to the bank.
- Security Services are the contracted security services provided at the SuperStop by the City of North Charleston Police Department and by Extra Duty Solutions at the SuperStop and at the Mary Street bus stop.
- Vehicle Maintenance is the cost to maintain the fleet and repair the Proterra electric fleet.
- Facility Repair & Maintenance is the cost to maintain facilities. Facility repairs include bus wash, shelter, HVAC, backflow device and lock repairs.
- Operating Fees & Licenses include credit card transaction fees and vehicle title and registration fees.
- Insurance includes the cost of directors and officers insurance and liability insurance provided by the Insurance Reserve Fund.
- Paratransit is the cost of paratransit transportation provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit and RATP Dev, USA. Inc.
- Interest is the interest on the Melnick Park & Ride loan.

Capital Expenditures:

- Rolling Stock is the purchase of two 2009 Vanpool transit buses and six 2014 Vanpools.
- Bust Shelter Construction/Bench Install is shelters, shelter equipment and shelter design and engineering services.
- Facilities Construction is facility engineering for Shipwatch Square and vehicle lift equipment upgrades.
- Security/Cameras & Equipment is AVL system equipment, security cameras and access control equipment.
- Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint.) is the purchase of bike racks, shelving for inventory storage, video server replacement, in-line boiler pump at Leeds Avenue and a chill water pump replacement at the Leeds Avenue location.

Ms. Mitchum briefed the Board of Directors regarding the OnDemand Program and addressed questions and comments. The Board of Directors received the Financial Status Report and the OnDemand Program Activity Report as information.

Chairman Seekings requested a motion to combine the following two agenda items: Requests for Approval regarding the Contracts for Lyft, Inc. and Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Companies.

Mr. Brinson made a motion to combine the two agenda items for discussion and consideration for approval. Mr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Lyft Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contract – Request for Approval**
   Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, presented the Lyft Transportation Network Company (TNC) contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to amend the Lyft, Inc. TNC contract for an additional year pursuant to the terms outlined in the contract. Mr. Mitchum stated that the contract was awarded as a two-year contract with three options to renew annually. If approved, this amendment will extend the contract for an additional one-year term.

5. **Uber Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contract – Request for Approval**
   Mr. Mitchum presented the Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to amend the Uber Technologies, Inc. TNC contract for an additional

year pursuant to the terms outlined in the contract. Mr. Mitchum stated that the contract was awarded as a two-year contract with three options to renew annually. If approved, this amendment will extend the contract for an additional one-year term. Mr. Mitchum and Ms. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

Mr. Brownstein made a motion to approve the Lyft, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) and the Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contracts as presented. Mayor O'Neil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. **Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract – Request for Approval**

   Mr. Mitchum presented the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to award the construction contract for the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center. The project includes construction of a new two-story, approximately 20,000 square-foot facility with transit, workforce development, office, training and public service spaces, along with related bus loop and site improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2026 with completion expected in February of 2028. Mr. Mitchum noted that two bids were received: Cooper Tacia General Contracting Company for $13,906,600 and Monteith Construction Corporation for $15,830,000. Based on the recommendation of the project's A&E firm, CARTA is requesting approval to award the contract to Cooper Tacia General Contracting Company in the amount of $13,906,600. Mr. Mitchum and Ms. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract as presented. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Executive Director's Report – Ron Mitchum**

   In the interest of time, Mr. Mitchum noted that the Project Updates are included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet. He encouraged Board Members to review the updates, as time permits, and to reach out to him if there are any questions, comments or concerns regarding any of the projects. Mr. Mitchum briefed the Board Members regarding the LCRT project and addressed questions and comments.

8. **Other Business, If Any**

   There was no further business to discuss.

9. **Public Comments, If Any**

   There was one Public Comment noted for the record:

   - Sharon Broderick (Local Union #610 President/RATP Dev): Ms. Broderick expressed the bus operators' concerns regarding the unsanitary and unsafe issues created by vagrancy at several bus stops. She also expressed her concerns regarding issues with some riders using the Transit Token App, noting that some individuals may be abusing the system. Those individuals are receiving discounted fares but are not providing proof of eligibility required to receive discounted fares.

10. Executive Session – Legal and Contractual Matters

Mr. Ward made a motion that the Board of Directors convene into Executive Session.
Mr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
Non-Board Members, Guests and Non-Essential Staff Members were excused.
An Executive Session was held.
Mr. Ward made a motion to reconvene the Board of Directors meeting.
Mr. Wehrman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
Chairman Seekings reconvened the Board of Directors meeting noting that no action was taken related to legal and contractual matters discussed during Executive Session.

11. Board Comments, If Any

There was no further business to discuss. Chairman Seekings thanked the Board of Directors for their invaluable service to the Board of Directors and the communities they serve.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Seekings adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Coleman