

FINANCE COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019  
POINT BREEZE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

OPEN SESSION

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Katherine Bays Armstrong  
Dontae Carroll (via phone)  
John von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING: Yaw Berkoh  
Kerry Brandt  
Manny Crew  
Percy Dangerfield  
Cheryl Dickinson  
Trudy Edwards  
Allen Garman  
Chantelle Green  
Michelle Gross  
Meshelle Howard  
Jeanne Marriott  
Kimberly Millender, Esq.  
Tonya Morant  
Kevin C. Reigrut  
Deborah Sharpless  
Christina Thompson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jaclyn Hartman, MDOT TSO  
Jeff Folden, MDOT SHA (via phone)

At 9:01 a.m., Member John von Paris, Acting Chair of the Finance Committee, called the Finance Committee Meeting to order.

**APPROVAL – OPEN MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2018, MEETING**

Member von Paris called for the approval of the meeting minutes from the open meeting held on December 11, 2018. Member Katherine Bays Armstrong made the motion, and Member Dontae Carroll seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – TRP LOAN AGREEMENT**

Ms. Deb Sharpless requested a recommendation of approval from the Finance Committee to present the proposed Traffic Relief Plan (TRP) Project Loan Agreement to the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board at its next scheduled meeting. Ms. Sharpless explained that in June 2018, the MDTA Board approved a \$150 million loan to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to help finance \$100 million in projects at the BWI Marshall Airport and \$50 million in projects at the Port of Baltimore. Following the MDTA Board's approval of the loan, MDOT obtained additional information from the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) regarding its projected cash flow needs and subsequently determined that the TRP Project was a more suitable project for the loan. Under the terms of the agreement, the MDTA will provide financing of up to \$50 million for costs incurred by the department related to the development of the toll lanes on I-495 and I-270.

Member von Paris called for a motion to recommend approval of this item to the full MDTA Board at its next scheduled meeting. Member Armstrong made the motion, and Member Carroll seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FOP LODGE #34**

Mr. Percy Dangerfield and Ms. Tonya Morant requested a recommendation of approval from the Finance Committee to the MDTA Board for an agreement reached between the State and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #34.

On December 31, 2018, the State and the FOP reached a tentative agreement regarding additional benefits for the FOP for FY 2020 and beyond. The parties negotiated a three-year agreement that is effective from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. When fully implemented, the agreement provides an additional \$10.2 - \$10.6 million in salaries and benefits to bargaining unit members. Of the \$10.6 million in salaries and benefits, \$3.2 million is reimbursable by the Maryland Aviation Administration and \$0.9 million is reimbursable by the MPA.

The key terms of the agreement include (1) a 5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in fiscal year 2020; (2) a one-step increase for all bargaining unit members effective January 1, 2020; (3) an additional 1% COLA effective January 1, 2020, if the State's General Fund revenues exceed FY 2019 estimates by more than \$75 million; (4) a 5% COLA in fiscal year 2021; (5) a one-step increase for all bargaining unit members effective January 1, 2021; (6) a 4% COLA in fiscal year 2022; (7) a one-step increase for all bargaining unit members effective January 1, 2022; and (8) bargaining unit members' eligibility to participate in a Student Loan Repayment Plan if certain conditions are met.

The collective bargaining agreement also addressed other items, including take home vehicles, doubling back pay, scheduling notifications, and the terms for a full-time FOP President.

Member von Paris called for a motion to recommend approval of this item to the full MDTA Board at its next scheduled meeting. Member Armstrong made the motion, and Member Carroll seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**UPDATE – UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING NON-RECOURSE DEBT FINANCINGS ISSUED BY THE MDTA**

Mr. Allen Garman provided the Finance Committee with an update on outstanding non-recourse debt issued by the MDTA on behalf of others. This includes Grant and Revenue Anticipation Bonds issued for the Intercounty Connector, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds issued to refinance parking facilities for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the Department of General Services, and Revenue Bonds issued for the Maryland Aviation Administration to finance various projects at BWI Marshall Airport.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:28 a.m., upon motion by Member Katherine Bays Armstrong and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under §3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter.

Members Armstrong, Carroll (via phone), and von Paris were in attendance for the Closed Session. The following staff were present during the closed session: Percy Dangerfield, Chantelle Green, Kimberly Millender, Esq., Tonya Morant, Kevin C. Reigrut, Deborah Sharpless and Christina Thompson.

At 9:36 a.m., a motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Carroll, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER**

Upon motion by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Carroll, the Members ratified their unanimous vote in Closed Session to recommend approval to the MDTA Board for extending the same benefits to Police senior command that will be provided under the recent collective bargaining agreement to the FOP.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 9:39 a.m., following a motion by Member Armstrong, and seconded by Member Carroll.

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John von Paris, Acting Chairman