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MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

April 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting was held virtually in accordance the law recently signed by the Governor permitting public bodies to continue to hold meetings remotely. Public participation and comment was available via written communication, voice message and live public comment through conference call.

This meeting was broadcast virtually.

BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Chair Betsy Taylor, Director Scott Darling, and Director Mary Beth Mello

OTHERS PRESENT: General Counsel Marie Breen, Chief Counsel Kevin Scanlon, and Noah Potash, Esq.

PRESENTERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O'Hara, Chief Administrative Officer Dave Panagore, and Treasurer Pat Landers

Call to Order by the Chair

Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") Audit and Finance Subcommittee to order at 9:06 a.m.

Noah Potash called the roll of the Members participating, being a quorum of the MBTA's Audit & Finance Subcommittee:

Chair Taylor	Present
Director Darling	Present
Director Mello	Present

Chair Taylor turned to the approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 Meeting of the Audit & Finance Subcommittee.

Chair Taylor	Yes
Director Darling	Yes
Director Mello	Yes

For Agenda Item 1, Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O'Hara delivered a presentation on the Preliminary FY23 Budget. Chief Administrative Officer Dave Panagore noted that staff will present this item to the full Board. In response to a question from Director Darling, Ms. O'Hara said the surplus budget would be depleted in FY24. Mr. Panagore said that if revenues exceed the budget, the Department could build a reserve. Director Darling asked how future debt service levels compare to \$567 million for FY23. Ms. O'Hara said debt service for FY24 is projected to be \$560 million. Responding to a question from Director Darling about spending on safety positions, Mr. Panagore suggested the discussion would be more appropriate for safety and operations personnel. Director Mello said that hard work will be needed to deal with future deficits. Chair Taylor thanked staff for creating a budget that confronts demands on the MBTA and added that the new funding for buses and the Green Line Extension was important.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

VOTED: to recommend that the MBTA Board of Directors authorize and direct the General Manager to submit the Preliminary FY23 Itemized Budget, in the name and on behalf of the Authority, to the MBTA Advisory Board; and

To recommend that following Advisory Board review, a Final FY23

Itemized Budget will be submitted to the MBTA Board of Directors no later than June 15, 2022 in accordance with section 20 of chapter 161a of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended by chapter 56 of the Acts of 2020.

Chair Taylor	Yes
Director Darling	Yes
Director Mello	Yes

The final item on the agenda was an executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Chair Taylor explained that she had determined, and the General Counsel concurred, that discussion of these matters during an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the MBTA and said that the subcommittee would not return to open session.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

Chair Taylor	Yes
Director Darling	Yes
Director Mello	Yes

VOTED: to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining at 9:46 a.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

- April 14, 2022 Audit and Finance Subcommittee Agenda
- Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Audit & Finance subcommittee meeting
- FY23 Preliminary Budget Preview VF 4.14.22