Quorum = 8

Agenda

Dallas Area Rapid Transit
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 4:00 P.M. – Board Room
1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas 75202

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, with the Board Chair presiding, will be held at the DART Headquarters, Board Room, 1st Floor, and by videoconference. The public may attend in person or view the meeting at: DART.org/about/public-access-information/board-meetings-information

General Items:

1. This item will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting only.
2. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2026
3. Items of Interest
4. This item will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting only.
5. Public Comments – Agenda Item Specific

Consent Items: 6 – 19 will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting only.

Individual Items: 20 – 21 will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting only.

Administration:

22. +Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Master Property Insurance Policy (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Jamie Adelman)
    [5 minutes – presentation; 5 minutes – Q&A]
23. +Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Rail Operating Liability Insurance Policy (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Jamie Adelman)
    [0 minutes – presentation; 0 minutes – Q&A]
24. +Approval of 2027 DART Board Meeting Dates
    (Presenters: Randall B. Bryant/Jesse Salazar)
    [5 minutes – presentation; 5 minutes – Q&A]
25. +Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for Board Administrator (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Jesse Salazar)
    [15 minutes – presentation; 15 minutes – Q&A]
26. +Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART Board Administrator (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Jesse Salazar)
    [0 minutes – presentation; 0 minutes – Q&A]

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27. +Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for General Counsel (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Gene Gamez)
    [15 minutes – presentation; 15 minutes – Q&A]
28. +Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART General Counsel (Presenters: Gary Slagel/Gene Gamez)
    [0 minutes – presentation; 0 minutes – Q&A]

Other Items:

29. This item will be discussed at the Board of Directors' meeting only.
30. Adjournment

+ indicates a Same-Date Item that has not previously been presented to the Board

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting may go into Closed Session under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, for any legal issues, under Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property for real estate issues, or under Section 551.074 for Personnel matters, or under Section 551.076 or 551.089 for Deliberation Regarding deployment or implementation of Security Personnel or devices arising or regarding any item listed on this Agenda. This facility is wheelchair accessible. For accommodations for the hearing impaired, sign interpretation is available. Please contact Community Engagement at 214-749-2721, 48 hours in advance.

MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Committee-of-the-Whole** meeting convened on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 4:33 p.m.,** at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Bryant presiding.

These minutes provide a brief overview and are not a transcript. For complete details, please visit the following link: DART.org/about/public-access-information/board-meetings-information.

City of Dallas

Randall B. Bryant– **Board Chair**

Carmen Garcia – **Secretary**

Patrick J. Kennedy

Roy C. Lopez

Maureen Milligan

Maurice A. West

Michele Wong Krause

City of Garland

Jeff Bass

City of Irving

Rick H. Stopfer– **Assistant Secretary**

City of Plano

Anthony Ricciardelli

Cities of Carrollton and Irving

Doug S. Hrbacek

Cities of Cockrell Hill and Dallas

Enrique A. MacGregor

Cities of Farmers Branch and Plano

Richard M. Grady

Cities of Garland, Rowlett, and Glenn Heights

Mark C. Enoch – **Board Vice Chair**

Cities of Richardson and University Park; Towns of Addison and Highland Park

Gary A. Slagel

Rick H. Stopfer was absent.

General Items

1. **Approval of Minutes: September 22, 2026**

   Director Grady made a motion to adopt the September 22, 2026, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting Minutes as written.

   Director Slagel seconded, and the Minutes were adopted as written.

2. **Items of Interest**

   Items of Interest were provided.

3. **Public Comments – Agenda Item Specific**

Speaker Name	Of/Location	Topic
Phyllis Silver	Addison, TX	Item 14
Dave Brady	Garland, TX	Item 5

Consent Items:

Director MacGregor made a motion to approve Consent items 4 - 13.

Administration:

4. **Authorization to Delegate Contracting Officer Authority**

   Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to delegate contracting officer authority to Strategic Sourcing Specialist, Miranda Vahle.

Development & Innovation:

5. **Approval of Contract for Transit On-Time Performance Analytics Services**

   Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award a two-year contract with three one-year options to Swiftly, Inc., for Transit On-Time Performance Analytics Services [Contract No. C-2097233-01], for a total authorized amount not to exceed $4,402,395, including the initial term and execution of options upon determination of satisfactory performance by Swiftly, Inc., and at the discretion of the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee.

6. **Approval of Contract Modification to Increase Funding for the McKinney Urban Transit District Shared-Ride Microtransit Service**

   Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award a three-year contract with one two-year option to Premier Facilities Services LLC [C-2097156-01], to provide building maintenance and cleaning services at DART Headquarters and DART Police Headquarters, for a total authorized amount not-to-exceed $9,732,489, including the initial term and execution of option upon determination of satisfactory performance by the vendor and at the discretion of the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee.

7. **Approval of Contract for McKinney Urban Transit District Shared-Ride Microtransit Service**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award a one-year contract to Spare Labs, Inc., for the McKinney Urban Transit District Shared-Ride Microtransit Service [Contract No. C-2098066-01], for a total authorized amount not to exceed $2,242,565.

8. **Approval to Authorize the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, to Execute the Third Amendment and Extension of the Second Option Term Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the McKinney Urban Transit District to Provide Transit Services**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating LGC, (DART LGC) or her designee to execute the Third Amendment and an extension of the Second Option Term Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) to provide transit services, with a not-to-exceed amount of $2,275,304, including a contingency of $100,000, substantially in the form as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, subject to legal review.

9. **Approval of the Third Amendment and Extension of the Second Option Term Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Dallas Area Rapid Transit, McKinney Urban Transit District, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, for GoPass® Licensing**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that:

Section 1: The President of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, or her designee is authorized to exercise the third amendment and extension of the second option term renewal of the Interlocal Agreement, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution and subject to legal review, with McKinney Urban Transit District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit for GoPass® mobile application licensing with fees for onboarding, hosting and maintenance, and a service level agreement in the amount of $60,000.

Section 2: The Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to exercise the third amendment and extension of the second option term renewal of the Interlocal Agreement, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution and subject to legal review, with McKinney Urban Transit District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, for GoPass® mobile application licensing with fees for onboarding, hosting and maintenance, and a service level agreement in the amount of $60,000.

10. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, is approved.

11. **Appointment of Directors to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Services, LGC, Board of Directors for Terms Ending December 31, 2028**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that Mark Enoch, Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., Trenise Winters, and Jamie Adelman are appointed as directors to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Mobility Service, LGC, Board of Directors for terms commencing on the date hereof and ending on December 31, 2028, or until a replacement director is appointed.

12. **Approval of Contract for Track Brake Pole End Parts for DART's Light Rail Vehicle Fleet**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award a two-year contract to Knorr Brake Company, LLC [Contract C-2095025-01], for the purchase of track brake pole end parts for DART's Light Rail Vehicle fleet, for a total authorized amount not to exceed $818,638.

13. **Approval to Exercise Contract Options for the See Something Say Something Application**

Moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to execute a contract modification for the See Something Say Something application with ELERTS [Contract No. C-2096274-01] to:

Section 1: Exercise the first and second one-year options.

Section 2: Increase the not-to-exceed amount by $327,990, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed $427,985.

Director Slagel seconded, and the items were adopted unanimously.

Individual Items:

Administration:

14. **Approval of Interlocal Agreement between DART and the Town of Addison for Funding of the Addison Orbit Service**

Director Slagel moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution and subject to legal review, with the Town of Addison for funding of the Addison Orbit Service, effective October 1, 2026.

Director West seconded, and the item was adopted with Directors MacGregor, Kennedy, and Vice Chair Enoch opposing.

Item 15 was moved to the end of the meeting.

Development & Innovation:

16. **Approval of Contract for Construction Manager General Contractor Pre-Construction Phase and Construction Phase Services for Station Modification Project**

Secretary Garcia moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award

a contract for Construction Manager General Contractor Pre-Construction Phase and Construction Phase Services for Station Modification Project with Platform Alliance Group in the amount of $989,252 to include pre-construction phase services only, plus a contingency for unanticipated costs in the amount of $98,748, for a total authorized amount not to exceed $1,088,000.

Director Lopez seconded, and the item was adopted unanimously.

17. Approval of Contract for Construction Manager General Contractor Pre- Construction Phase and Construction Phase Services for Cityplace/Uptown Station Modernization Project

Assistant Secretary Enoch moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to award a contract for Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Pre-Construction Phase and Construction Phase Services for the Cityplace/Uptown Station Modernization Project to Stacy Witbeck/Clark, a Joint Venture, in the amount of $871,828 for Pre-Construction Phase Services only, plus a contingency for unanticipated costs in the amount of $130,780, for a total authorized amount not to exceed $1,002,608.

Director West seconded, and the items were adopted unanimously.

18. Approval of Contract Modification to Increase Contract Value for the Regional Trail Phase 2 Construction to Include Additional Work on the Trail Extension from Renner Road to the Guideway

Director Slagel moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to increase the contract value for construction of the Regional Trail Phase 2 with Archer Western Construction, LLC, to include additional work on the trail extension from Renner Road to the guideway in the amount of $972,929, of which $420,000 will be funded from an existing contract allowance and $552,929 will be funded from contingency, for a new contract value not to exceed $93,738,335, and no change to the total Board-authorized amount not to exceed $95,358,689.

Vice Chair Enoch seconded, and the item was adopted unanimously.

19. Approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between DART and the Town of Addison for Contributions to the Addison Station Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

Director Slagel moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to execute the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between DART and the Town of Addison for Contributions to the Addison Station Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, subject to legal review.

Vice Chair Enoch seconded, and the item was adopted unanimously.

Director Lopez left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Director Bass left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

20. Declaration of Surplus and Sale of DART Property Consisting of 7.462 Acres Located at or Near 4040 West 15th Street, Plano, Texas 75093 to the City of Plano

This item was postponed to the October 27th, 2026, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

15. Approval of Engagement Agreement with Outside Counsel for Public Finance and Accounting Services Related to Determination of Withdrawn City's Total Financial Obligation

Chair Bryant stated that it was 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Committee-of-the-Whole was going into Closed Session under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, for consultation with Attorney, to discuss Agenda Item 15, Approval of Engagement Agreement with Outside Counsel for Public Finance and Accounting Services Related to Determination of Withdrawn City's Total Financial Obligation.

The Committee reconvened into Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

Director Slagel moved to approve this draft resolution to the Board of Directors, stating that:

Section 1: There is a substantial need for the legal and accounting services of the Firm of Carrington Coleman related to the determination of withdrawn city's total financial obligation and such legal services for ethical and conflict reasons cannot be performed by DART's Office of General Counsel.

Section 2: The DART Board of Directors approves the engagement agreement, subject to legal review, by and between DART and the Firm in substantially the form included hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3: The General Counsel is authorized to execute an engagement agreement for legal and accounting services related to the determination of withdrawn city's total financial obligation with the law firm of Carrington Coleman.

Section 4: The total for the engagement agreement is authorized in an amount not to exceed $250,000.

Vice Chair Enoch seconded, and the item was adopted unanimously.

Other Items

21. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Briana Campbell

Briana Campbell,
Secretary of the Board

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Agenda Report

Voting Requirements:
Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Master Property Insurance Policy**

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee to pay up to $4,457,692 in property insurance premium, $45,000 in terrorism insurance premium, and $200,000 in surplus lines taxes and fees, for a total premium not to exceed $4,705,192, plus a contingency of $50,000 for assets to be added during the policy period, for a total amount not to exceed $4,755,192, to renew the master property insurance policy for the one-year period beginning November 1, 2026.

BUSINESS PURPOSE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- DART works through the insurance broker of record, Willis Towers Watson Services West, Inc. (Contract No. C-2024740-02), to market the insurance program and obtain pricing. The purchase of $500 million in coverage with a $1 million deductible ensures that funds are available to repair or replace assets in the event of damage caused by a covered loss.
- Surplus lines fees consist of premium taxes and filing fees charged by and payable to the Texas State Comptroller. Surplus lines insurance carriers are highly specialized insurers that underwrite insurance for unique and high-capacity risks.
- DART, Trinity Railway Express (TRE), and Silver Line combined property values total $6.5 billion. Property values are determined by purchase price, appraisals, and replacement cost values.

- The 2026-2027 program includes the participation of 22 insurance companies:

Participation Limit ($M)	Insurance Carriers
$500	Chubb Bermuda, Gemini, Client Edge
$150	Endurance American Specialty, Munich Re, Lloyds-GIC, HDI Specialty, Colony Insurance Company, Gemini, Client Edge
$100	Munich Re, WR Berkley Specialty, Liberty, Lloyds-CNA Hardy, Lexington, Gemini, Client Edge, Starr, Arch
$50	Markel, Ascot, Lexington, Lloyds-Faraday, Gemini, Client Edge, Axis, Texas InCo
$10	Vantage Risk, Lloyds-Ascot, Liberty, Starr, Markel, HDI Specialty, Gemini, Client Edge, Axis, Faraday/Westfield/Ki

- In addition, Lloyd's of London will provide $45 million in terrorism coverage in excess of a $1 million deductible for a premium of $45,000.
- Sufficient funding for this policy is included in Finance's FY 2027 operating budget and the total operating expense line item of the FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan.
- The property insurance policy covers DART, TRE, and Silver Line properties. Trinity Metro and DART share the cost for the TRE portion of the premium and surplus lines fees equally.
- This item supports Agency Strategic Goal 1: Empowered Agency - Build a nimble organization that can act quickly and effectively by streamlining processes and empowering employees.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Section 452.062 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes DART to insure, through purchased insurance policies or self-insurance programs, or both, its own legal liability and the legal liability of its contractors and subcontractors arising from the acquisition, construction, or operation of the programs and facilities of DART.
- Section 452.055 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes DART to contract for the provision of goods and services.

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RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

(Executive Committee)

Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Master Property Insurance Policy

WHEREAS, DART works through an insurance broker of record, Willis Towers Watson Insurance Services West, Inc. (Contract No. C-2024740-02), to obtain pricing for insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this coverage ensures that DART has the funds to repair or replace its major property assets in the event they are damaged or destroyed by a covered loss; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for this coverage is fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, DART insures $6.5 billion in property, and the $500 million in coverage is provided through a combination of multiple markets and layers; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Metro and DART share the cost for the TRE portion of the premium and surplus lines fees equally; and

WHEREAS, funding for the total cost of this policy is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to pay up to $4,457,692 in property insurance premium, $45,000 in terrorism insurance premium, and $200,000 in surplus lines taxes and fees, for a total premium not to exceed $4,705,192, plus a contingency of $50,000 for assets to be added during the policy period, for a total amount not to exceed $4,755,192, to renew the master property insurance policy for the one-year period beginning November 1, 2026.

Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Master Property Insurance Policy

Prepared by: /s/ Jamie Adelman
Jamie Adelman
Executive Vice President/
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to form: /s/ Gene Gamez
Gene Gamez
General Counsel

Approved by: /s/ Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
President & Chief Executive Officer

Agenda Report

Voting Requirements:
Majority

DATE: October 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Rail Operating Liability Insurance Policy

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee to pay up to $6,666,145 in premium and $427,215 in surplus lines, federal excise tax, and direct procurement taxes and fees to renew the rail operating liability policy for the one-year period beginning November 1, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed $7,093,360.

BUSINESS PURPOSE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The commuter rail operating agreements with various railroads and agreements providing Positive Train Control (PTC) require that DART, Trinity Metro, Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), and Grapevine Vintage Railroad (GVRR) furnish evidence of liability insurance to maintain and operate commuter rail passenger service.
- The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) proposed the Regional Rail Operating Liability Insurance Program in 2020, and this partnership continues to be cost-effective for all agencies.
- This policy insures the entities below:
  - DART light rail
  - DART Silver Line
  - DART and Trinity Metro for Trinity Railway Express (TRE)
  - TEXRail
  - DCTA A-Train
  - GVRR
  - Dallas Streetcar
- Surplus line insurance carriers are highly specialized insurers that underwrite unique and high-capacity risks, including rail operating liability. Surplus line fees consist of premium taxes and filing fees payable to the Texas State Comptroller. Federal excise taxes are payable to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Congress requires the U.S. Department of Transportation to adjust the federal Rail Passenger Transportation Liability Cap every five years to ensure that liability limits maintain their value relative to the original $200 million cap established in 1997. The most recent adjustment increased the cap from $323 million to $401.9 million.

- Rail operating liability coverage is provided through a layered insurance program with a limit of $402 million per occurrence. DART marketed the program through Willis Towers Watson Insurance Services West, Inc. (WTW), DART's broker of record for property and liability insurance coverage (Contract No. C-2024740-02).

- No single insurance carrier has the capacity to provide the entire $402 million of coverage, so coverage is provided through a combination of multiple companies. The currently quoted combination of companies providing the most favorable rates, terms, and conditions is listed below. This is subject to change based on final negotiations by WTW.

Participation Limit ($M)	Insurance Carriers
$90	Aspen, Canopius, AXA XL, Inigo, Hamilton, Argo Re, WTW Gemini Facility, Hiscox, Munich Re Syndicate, First Specialty, MAP, Vantage, Ark London
$79	Chubb, AIG, Arch, Banyan, WTW Gemini Facility, XL Bermuda, Vantage, Inigo, Ascot
$78	Hiscox, AXA XL, Canopius, Markel, Ascot, Apollo, Linert, AWAC, Lex London, QBE, Hamilton, WTW Gemini Facility, MAP
$68	AXA XL Bermuda, Argo Re, AWAC, Helix, Shortfall, Vantage, Inigo, Arcadian, ARK, First Specialty, Ascot, WTW Gemini Facility
$25	Apollo, Aegis, Ascot, MAP, QBE, WTW Gemini Facility
$23	Munich Re, Inigo, Convex
$15	Helix
$15	Queen's Island, WTW Gemini Facility
$10	Lex London

- Sufficient funding for payment of premium, taxes, and fees for annual renewal of the rail operating liability insurance program is included in the FY 2027 operating budget and the total operating expense line item of the FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan.

- The not-to-exceed cost represents a 17.1% increase from last year. The cost increase is attributed to continued rate firmness, severe rail incidents, higher reinsurance costs, and the addition of the Silver Line to the program.

- DART assesses DCTA, Trinity Metro, and GVRR an annual administrative fee to offset costs associated with implementing and overseeing the program.

- This item supports Agency Strategic Goal 1: Empowered Agency - Build a nimble organization that can act quickly and effectively by streamlining processes and empowering employees.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Section 452.062 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes DART to insure through purchased insurance policies or self-insurance programs, or both, its own legal liability and the legal liability of its contractors and subcontractors arising from the acquisition, construction, or operation of the programs and facilities of DART.

- Section 452.054 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes DART to exercise all powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes or the provisions of the statute.

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RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

(Executive Committee)

Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Rail Operating Liability Insurance Policy

WHEREAS, the commuter rail operating agreements with various railroads and agreements providing Positive Train Control (PTC) require that Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro for Trinity Railway Express, TEXRail, Denton County Transportation Authority, and Grapevine Vintage Railroad furnish evidence of liability insurance to maintain and operate commuter rail passenger service on the corridors; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act increased the federal Rail Passenger Transportation Liability Cap to $323 million; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act mandates an inflation adjustment every five years, the most recent of which increased the cap to $401.9 million; and

WHEREAS, DART's broker of record, Willis Towers Watson Services West, Inc. (Contract No. C-2024740-02), marketed the program; and

WHEREAS, no single insurance carrier has the capacity to provide the entire $402 million of required coverage, so the most favorable pricing, terms, and conditions are through a combination of multiple markets and layers; and

WHEREAS, funding is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the President & Chief Executive Officer or his designee is authorized to pay up to $6,666,145 in premium and $427,215 in surplus lines, federal excise tax, and direct procurement taxes and fees to renew the rail operating liability policy for the one-year period beginning November 1, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed $7,093,360.

Approval to Pay Premium and Surplus Lines for Annual Renewal of Rail Operating Liability Insurance Policy

Prepared by: /s/ Jamie Adelman
Jamie Adelman
Executive Vice President/
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to form: /s/ Gene Gamez
Gene Gamez
General Counsel

Approved by: /s/ Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
President & Chief Executive Officer

Agenda Report

Committee of the Whole ☒
Board Meeting ☒

Voting Requirements: Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval of 2027 DART Board Meeting Dates**

BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution authorizing that regular meetings of the DART Board of Directors for 2027 be held in the Board Room at 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 26, 2027
February 23, 2027
March 23, 2027
April 27, 2027
May 25, 2027
June 22, 2027
July 13, 2027
August 10, 2027 (see note below)
August 24, 2027
September 21, 2027
October 26, 2027
November 9, 2027
December 7, 2027

- Two Board meetings will be scheduled in August 2027 to accommodate the requirement in Section 452.113 of the Texas Transportation Code and Article VI, Sections 3(b)(c) of the DART Board Rules of Procedure that the agency make the proposed annual budget available to the governing bodies of each municipality in the authority at least 30 days before the date of the adoption of the final annual budget. The meeting on August 10 is scheduled to accommodate that requirement.

PURPOSE

- The purpose of this item is to approve the DART Board meeting dates for 2027.

- A chart showing Board and Committee meeting dates and the proposed months for Board Workshops is included as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 452.506(c)(1) of the Texas Transportation Code states that the Board by resolution shall set the time, place, and day of the regular meetings.

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RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

(Executive Committee)

Approval of 2027 DART Board Meeting Dates

WHEREAS, Section 452.506(c)(1) of the Texas Transportation Code states that the Board by resolution shall set the time, place, and day of the regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, the DART Board has adopted rules and bylaws to conduct its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board Chair, pursuant to Article III, Section 7, of the DART Board Bylaws has the authority to cancel, postpone, or change the date or time of a regular meeting subject to the requirements of law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that regular meetings of the DART Board of Directors for 2027 be held in the Board Room at 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates and that the DART Board Committees meet on the dates shown in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution:

January 26, 2027
February 23, 2027
March 23, 2027
April 27, 2027
May 25, 2027
June 22, 2027
July 13, 2027
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Approval of 2027 DART Board Meeting Dates

Carmen Garcia Secretary	Randall B. Bryant Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
Gene Gamez General Counsel	Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. President & Chief Executive Officer
	Date

DART Board and Committee Meeting Dates for 2027

Month	Committee Meetings	Board Meetings	Board Workshops
January	12	26	
February	9	23	
March	9	23	30 **(tentative)**
April	6	27	
May	11	25	
June	8	22	
July	13	13	30 **(tentative)**
August	10	10 and 24*	
September	7	21	
October	12	26	
November	9	9	
December	7	7	

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Agenda Report

Committee of the Whole ☒
Board Meeting ☒

Voting Requirements: Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for Board Administrator**

BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 performance evaluation of Jesse Salazar, Board Administrator, and authorizing that the bi-weekly salary of Mr. Salazar be increased by $_____ effective October 1, 2026.

PURPOSE

- DART has consistently used a system of establishing goals and tracking performance measures to provide a focus for strategic and operational improvement, create an analytical basis for decision making, and provide focus on the priorities set by the Board.
- On June 11, 2024 (Resolution No. 240063), the Board established the following Strategic Goals:
  - 1: Empowered Agency – Build a nimble organization that can act quickly and effectively by streamlining processes and empowering employees.
  - 2: Culture of Contribution – Create a culture that aligns roles and responsibilities with the DART vision, deepens organizational trust, and encourages growth.
  - 3: Quality Service – Deliver a quality customer experience defined by strong rider advocacy and built on professional pride and continuous improvement.
  - 4: Seamless Mobility – Integrate mobility options to create a seamless travel experience defined by frequency and reliability that positions DART as first in mind.
  - 5: Fantastic Spaces – Create fantastic spaces that add value to our communities, enhance the rider experience, and foster a sustainable and thriving region.
  - 6: Strategic Relationships – Position DART as a collaborative leader and recognized regional economic and mobility asset.
- On June 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 250066), the Board approved the FY 2026 Goals and Performance Measures for the Board Administrator.
- The purpose of this item is to discuss the performance evaluation of Mr. Salazar.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 452.504 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the Board to appoint, as necessary, members or non-members as assistant secretaries.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD
(Executive Committee)

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation for Board Administrator

WHEREAS, Jesse Salazar, Board Administrator, reports directly to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 250066), the Board approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Goals and Performance Measures for the Board Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its performance review of Mr. Salazar and desires to increase his salary and compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that this change be effective as of October 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the bi-weekly salary of Jesse Salazar, Board Administrator, be increased by $_____ effective October 1, 2026.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation for Board Administrator

_____	_____
Carmen Garcia Secretary	Randall B. Bryant Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
_____	_____
Gene Gamez General Counsel	Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. President & Chief Executive Officer
	_____ Date

Agenda Report

Voting Requirements:
Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART Board Administrator**

BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution approving an Amended Employment Agreement, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, between DART and Jesse Salazar, in substantially the form and containing the terms as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

PURPOSE

- DART's legislation authorizes the DART Board to appoint members or non-members as assistant secretaries.
- On June 11, 2024 (Resolution No. 240061), the Board approved a resolution approving a one-year Employment Agreement with Mr. Salazar, the term of which automatically renews every year in January if no action is taken by either Party.
- During the 89th Session of the State of Texas Legislature, Government Code Section 180.011 was enacted to limit separation payments to executive employees, including department head employees, to no more than 20 weeks, excluding paid time off or accrued vacation leave.
- The purpose of this item is to approve an amended Employment Agreement with Mr. Salazar effective October 27, 2026.
- Funding for this position is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Section 452.504 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the Board to appoint, as necessary, members or non-members as assistant secretaries.

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RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

(Executive Committee)

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART Board Administrator

WHEREAS, DART's legislation authorizes the DART Board to appoint members or non-members as assistant secretaries; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024 (Resolution No. 240061), the Board approved a resolution approving a one-year Employment Agreement with Mr. Salazar, the term of which automatically renews every year in January if no action is taken by either Party; and

WHEREAS, during the 89th Session of the State of Texas Legislature, Government Code Section 180.011 was enacted to limit separation payments to executive employees, including department head employees, to no more than 20 weeks, excluding paid time off or accrued vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the Amended Employment Agreement, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, between DART and Jesse Salazar, in substantially the form and containing the terms as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution, is approved.

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART Board Administrator

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Carmen Garcia Secretary	Randall B. Bryant Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
_____	_____
Gene Gamez General Counsel	Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. President & Chief Executive Officer
	_____ Date

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART Board Administrator

This information will be provided separately.

Agenda Report

Committee of the Whole ☒
Board Meeting ☒

Voting Requirements:
Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for General Counsel**

BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 performance evaluation of Gene Gamez, General Counsel, and authorizing that the bi-weekly salary of Mr. Gamez be increased by $_____ effective October 1, 2026.

PURPOSE

- DART has consistently used a system of establishing goals and tracking performance measures to provide a focus for strategic and operational improvement, create an analytical basis for decision making, and provide focus on the priorities set by the Board.
- On June 11, 2024 (Resolution No. 240063), the Board established the following Strategic Goals:
  - 1: Empowered Agency – Build a nimble organization that can act quickly and effectively by streamlining processes and empowering employees.
  - 2: Culture of Contribution – Create a culture that aligns roles and responsibilities with the DART vision, deepens organizational trust, and encourages growth.
  - 3: Quality Service – Deliver a quality customer experience defined by strong rider advocacy and built on professional pride and continuous improvement.
  - 4: Seamless Mobility – Integrate mobility options to create a seamless travel experience defined by frequency and reliability that positions DART as first in mind.
  - 5: Fantastic Spaces – Create fantastic spaces that add value to our communities, enhance the rider experience, and foster a sustainable and thriving region.
  - 6: Strategic Relationships – Position DART as a collaborative leader and recognized regional economic and mobility asset.
- On June 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 250067), the Board approved the FY 2026 Goals and Performance Measures for the General Counsel.
- The purpose of this item is to complete the performance evaluation of Mr. Gamez and consider changes in his compensation.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 452.101(2) of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the Board to appoint attorneys and prescribe their duties, compensation, and tenure.

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RESOLUTION

of the

DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD
(Executive Committee)

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for General Counsel

WHEREAS, Gene Gamez, General Counsel, reports directly to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025 (Resolution No. 250067), the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Goals and Performance Measures for the General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its performance review of Mr. Gamez and desires to increase his salary and compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that this change be effective as of October 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the bi-weekly salary of Gene Gamez, General Counsel, be increased by $_____ effective October 1, 2026.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Evaluation and Compensation for General Counsel

Carmen Garcia Secretary	Randall B. Bryant Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
Gene Gamez General Counsel	Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. President & Chief Executive Officer
	Date

Agenda Report

Voting Requirements:
Majority

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART General Counsel**

BOARD ACTION

Approval of a resolution approving an Amended Employment Agreement, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, between DART and Gene Gamez, in substantially the form and containing the terms as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

PURPOSE

- DART's legislation authorizes the DART Board to appoint attorneys and prescribe their duties, compensation, and tenure.
- On July 9, 2019 (Resolution No. 190085), the Board approved a resolution approving a two-year Employment Agreement with Mr. Gamez, the term of which automatically renews every year in January if no action is taken by either Party.
- During the 89th Session of the State of Texas Legislature, Government Code Section 180.011 was enacted to limit separation payments to executive employees, including department head employees, to no more than 20 weeks, excluding paid time off or accrued vacation leave.
- The purpose of this item is to approve an amended Employment Agreement with Mr. Gamez effective October 27, 2026.
- Funding for this position is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Section 452.101(2) of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes the Board to appoint attorneys and prescribe their duties, compensation, and tenure.

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RESOLUTION

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DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

(Executive Committee)

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART General Counsel

WHEREAS, DART's legislation authorizes the DART Board to appoint attorneys and prescribe their duties, compensation, and tenure; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019 (Resolution No. 190085), the Board approved a resolution approving a two-year Employment Agreement with Mr. Gamez, the term of which automatically renews every January if no action is taken by either Party; and

WHEREAS, during the 89th Session of the State of Texas Legislature, Government Code Section 180.011 was enacted to limit separation payments to executive employees, including department head employees, to no more than 20 weeks, excluding paid time off or accrued vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is within current budget and FY 2027 20-Year Financial Plan allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors that the Amended Employment Agreement, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution, between DART and Gene Gamez, in substantially the form and containing the terms as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution, is approved.

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART General Counsel

Carmen Garcia Secretary	Randall B. Bryant Chair
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
Gene Gamez General Counsel	Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. President & Chief Executive Officer
	Date

Approval of Amended Employment Agreement for DART General Counsel

This information will be provided separately.