

Board Meeting to Discuss Labor, Award Contracts for Bus Services

(UPDATE: June 7) Lacking a quorum at Wednesday's meeting, the Board has postponed until June 22 any action on the motion to award contracts for bus services.

(June 6) The MTA Board has scheduled a special meeting for 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 7, to consider a short agenda that includes an update on labor negotiations and a motion to award contracts for bus services.

Agenda items include a conference concerning negotiations with the UTU, representing bus and rail operators; the ATU, representing maintenance employees; and the TCU, representing clerical employees.

The MTA recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the AFSCME, which represents operations supervisory personnel and others.

Contract awards appealed

Also on the agenda is a motion that would authorize CEO Julian Burke to award contracts for bus services to First Transit, Inc., and Coach USA. Laidlaw Transit Services protested the awards, but the protest was denied in April for lack of merit. The CEO also denied the company's appeal. Laidlaw has now appealed the contract award to the Federal Transit Administration.

During the meeting, the Board also is scheduled to receive an update of Phase 1 of the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

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