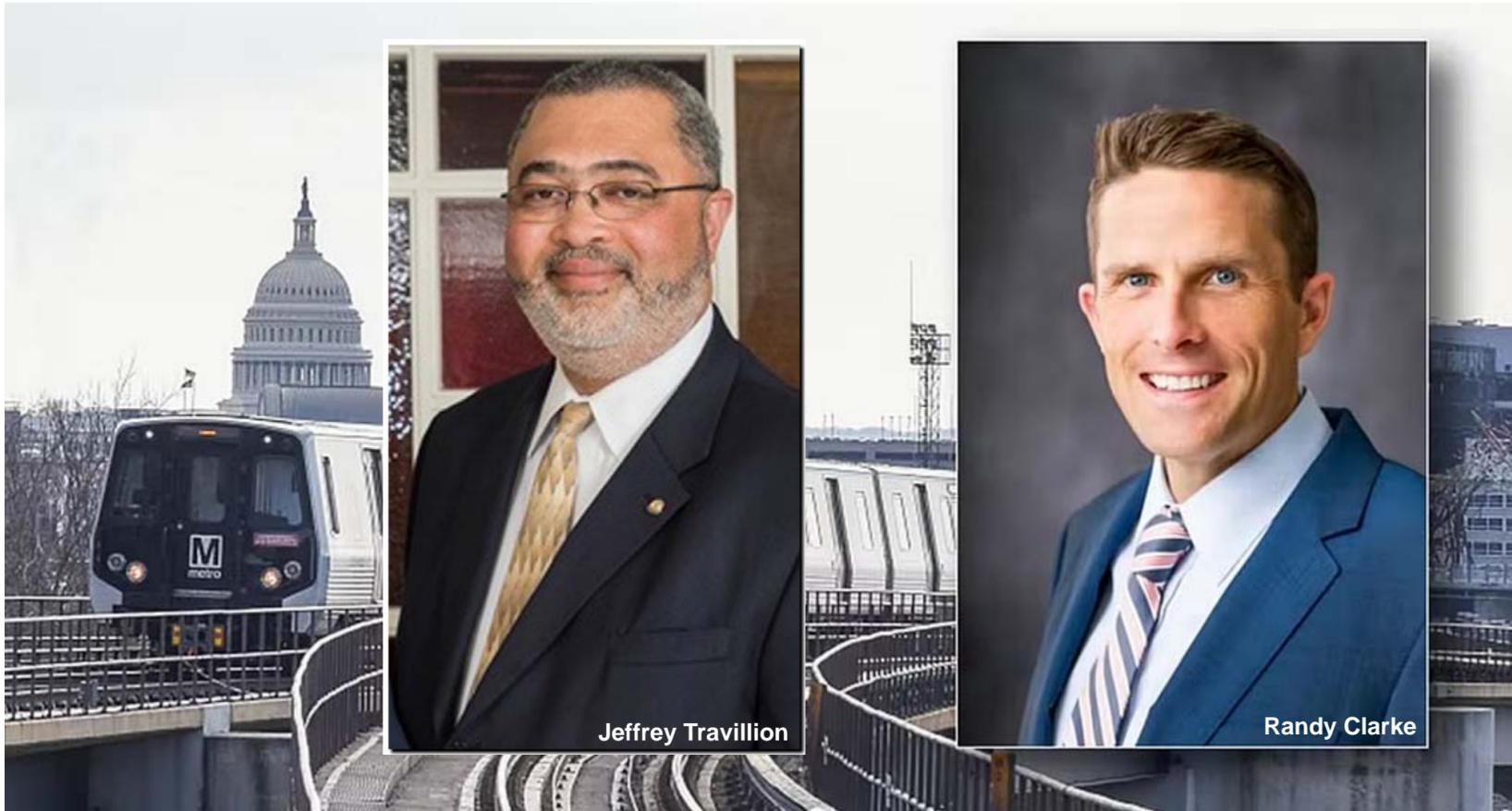


# Cap Metro CEO departs, leaving two Austin transit organizations without permanent leadership

BY NATHAN BERNIER | KUT



**Randy Clarke was selected by the WMATA Board of Directors to be the agency's next general manager and CEO. He will succeed Paul Wiedefeld who is retiring at the end of June.**

(KUT) - Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority CEO Randy Clarke will leave Austin to head the public transit agency in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority announced this morning Clarke will take over in late summer as general manager and CEO. Clarke's five-year agreement with WMATA includes an annual salary

of \$485,000 and a \$4,000/month housing allowance for up to six months. At Capital Metro, Clarke's 2021 earnings were \$376,687.

During his four years at Capital Metro, Clarke oversaw the transit agency's biggest overhaul to the city's bus route system. He presided over the agency as Austin voters authorized the single-largest expansion of tran-

sit in the city's history in November 2020.

Clarke's departure means both transit agencies responsible for overseeing the implementation of that multibillion-dollar expansion will be without permanent leaders.

The Austin Transit Partnership, a local government agency created to oversee Project Connect, voted last month

to remove Clarke as CEO after a consultant's report recommended a change in governance structure. An interim director was named during the search for a permanent replacement.

And now Capital Metro, which has been struggling to keep routes running on time amid a driver shortage, will be without an executive.

Capital Metro's

board of directors will meet this month with Clarke to figure out a transition plan.

"We will certainly miss Randy at Cap Metro," Travis County

Commissioner and Capital Metro Board Chair Jeffrey Travillion said.

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 RFP 2204-003 CHIF Funds Programs  
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## Vivica A. Fox Calls Kevin Samuels' Death "Karma" For Comments About Black Women

by Preezy Brown | VIBE

(VIBE) - The death of popular YouTuber and image consultant Kevin Samuels has garnered a mixed reaction from the public, with a number of his detractors weighing in on his passing.

One celebrity who has publicly commented on Samuels' death is veteran actress Vivica A. Fox, who criticized his polarizing commentary regarding Black women and deemed his death as "karma" for his rhetoric and actions during an appearance on the FOXSOUL streaming talk show Cocktails With



Vivica A. Fox

Queens. "This man was a hypocrite, in my honest opinion. He really was," Fox said of Samuels. "I didn't find anything about him to be healing. He insulted African American women on a consistent



Kevin Samuels

basis." She continued, adding, "I hope this is teaching folks a lesson about the karma that you put out, the negativity that you put out in the world. That when karma comes

knocking at your door, she might not be so kind. So, the fact that he keeled over real quick and was supposedly with a woman that we don't yet know the nationality, rest in peace."

News of Samuels' death first surfaced on social media last Thursday (May 5). Samuels, 57, reportedly passed away while on a date with a woman in Atlanta, during which he began to complain about chest pains before collapsing. No official cause of death has yet been revealed.

## Mike Tyson Won't Face Charges For Punching Man Who Annoyed Him On Jet Blue Flight

by David Moyer | HUFFPOST

(HUFFPOST) - Authorities are investigating after cellphone video appears to show Mike Tyson hitting another passenger on a plane at San Francisco International Airport. (Photo: Willy Sanjuan via Associated Press)

Former pro boxer Mike Tyson will not face charges for an incident last

month where he punched a fellow passenger on a JetBlue flight.

The San Mateo County District Attorney announced on Tuesday that prosecutors will not be filing charges against the former heavyweight champion for the alleged assault, which took place on a flight out of San Francisco International Airport, Oakland Fox affiliate KTVU reported.

D.A. Steve Wagstaffe said the decision was made not to charge Tyson with misdemeanor battery after reviewing video and police reports from the April 20 incident.

No charges will be filed against the passenger either, who Wagstaffe noted declined to press

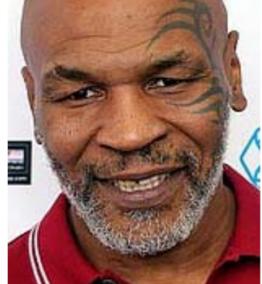
charges against the boxer. "We now deem the case closed," Wagstaffe said.

Footage initially obtained by TMZ Sports showed Tyson sitting in his first class seat waiting for the plane to take off from San Francisco to Florida while a man who seems very excited keeps trying to talk him.

A witness told TMZ that Tyson was patient with the man before eventually trying to end the exchange.

However, the man kept talking to Tyson, and eventually the boxer tried to get him to stop by punching him several times.

Tyson then reportedly walked off the plane



Mike Tyson

Photo/Willy Sanjuan via AP

while the man received medical attention before getting off the plane himself to go to the police.

Representatives for Tyson later told TMZ that "unfortunately, Mr. Tyson had an incident on a flight with an aggressive passenger who began harassing him and threw a water bottle at him while he was in his seat."

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