

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Present: Mike Allemang, Eric Mahler (Chair), Sue Gott, Raymond Hess, Roger Hewitt, Ryan Hunter, Jesse Miller, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Kyra Sims

Chairman Eric Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1) Opening Items

1. Approve Agenda

Chairman Mahler moved to approve the agenda with support from Kyra Sims. It was approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment

Jim Mogensen commented that Michelle Barney is unable to attend the memorial service for Sue Melke who had been featured in an autonomous vehicle article.

He also commented on the fares indicating that it may be cheaper to have people on a fixed route and that he will submit comments at a later date.

Larry Krieg commented that he is thankful to be on the board for Wake-Up Washtenaw for the past five years and stated he is interested in Monitoring Report 2.10 and making sure that the AAATA works with the public.

3. General Announcements:

Passing of Brian Clouse

CEO Matt Carpenter expressed condolences for the passing of long-time AAATA employee, Brian Clouse.

Raymond Hess Introduction

Chairman Mahler introduced board member Raymond Hess who works for the City of Ann Arbor.

2) Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes

Roger Hewitt moved approval of the Consent Item, seconded by Mike Allemang. Chairman Mahler declared the motion carried.

2. July Meetings

Mr. Hewitt stated that he may be late, noting it's the first day of the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

3. 2.9 Emergency CEO Succession
No discussion.
- 3) Policy Monitoring and Development
1. Board's Annual Plan of Work Items
No discussion.
 2. Committee Reports
 1. Governance Committee
 - a. Retreat Recap
Chairman Mahler stated that the board is waiting on Rose Mercier's report. A discussion ensued regarding the retreat.
 - b. Policy Monitoring & Development Options
Mr. Carpenter would like the board to provide more guidance through written policy to the agency. The following examples were given:
 - Fares
 - Union Negotiations
 - Service Planning and InfrastructureA discussion ensued.
 - c. Board Development Costs
Mr. Carpenter presented an Issue Brief on Board Development Costs.
 2. Finance Committee
Mr. Allemang explained that the committee did a recap of the Emergency CEO Succession and commented that Mr. Metzinger gave the presentation on Cash Flow & Investment Monitoring. Mr. Metzinger provided the Quarter II Financial results.
 3. Service Committee
Mr. Hewitt commented that the group discussed the External Relations Monitoring Report, YTC Update, Means and the Detroit-to-Ann Arbor Update. The group received Part II of Paratransit as well.
 3. Monitoring Reports
 1. 3.8 Costs of Governance
Chairman Mahler discussed the survey attached to the board packet.
 2. 2.10 External Relations
Mr. Carpenter commented on building community relationships and demonstrating community support. A discussion ensued.
 4. Other Board Reports & Ownership Linkage

1. LAC & Task Forces
A member of LAC commented that Mr. Smith presented his Paratransit Study to the group and several LAC members attended the funeral of Brian Clouse.

Mr. Allemang stated that he along with Ms. Sims and Mr. Carpenter had a good meeting with Ypsilanti Township and that it concluded the first round of ownership linkage meetings (City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township).

2. Delegation of WATS & Transportation Commission
Mr. Carpenter stated that there are two external bodies that the board members sit on, WATS and the Transportation Commission. There was some discussion as to whether the roles should be filled by board members or staff.

Ms. Gott made a motion to support delegating Mr. Carpenter or his staff to fulfill the roles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hewitt and passed unanimously.

4) Strategy and Operational Updates: CEO

1. Paratransit Study Part II

Mr. Smith announced that Michelle Willis will be joining the agency as Manager of Mobility Services and will be helping with Paratransit. Board members discussed transparency.

2. YTC Update

Mr. Sanderson commented that the 5339 Grant was due tomorrow. The second grant would be due in late July. Mr. Carpenter discussed the four risks for the projects and stated that there will be more information included in the draft budget next month. There was a motion to support the grant by Ms. Gott, seconded by Mr. Miller and passing unanimously.

3. Business Plan + Budget Updates (Verbal)

Mr. Metzinger reported that he will be presenting the Proposed FY2020 budget to the City of Ann Arbor on July 23rd and City of Ypsilanti on July 24th. The draft budget will be presented to the Board in committee, at the August Board meeting, and go in front of the Board for approval on September 19th.

4. Q2 Financial Report (From May)

Mr. Metzinger presented a brief form to the Board Year End audited financial statements. A discussion amongst board members ensued.

5. CEO Report

Mr. Carpenter announced the 45th work anniversary of Ron Copeland, Operations Manager on July 9. He discussed that the Initial House Budget was passed, with a lot of cuts but felt it was better than when first presented. It will go to the Senate then the Governor.

5) Emergent Business

There was no Emergent Business.

6) Closing Items

1. Topics for Next Meeting

- Financial Report

2. Public Comment

Jim Mogensen commented on his participation with the group Washtenaw Poor People's Campaign and expressed that the public will want to know what's going on.

Larry Krieg commented on the Board's decision for the CEO, or his designee, to be involved with WATS.

3. Board Assessment of Meeting

None.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Mahler moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Mr. Hewitt. The motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Kyra Sims

Secretary, AAATA Board of Directors

Approved July 18, 2019