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WRTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2018 MINUTES

WRTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Lehtola called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Advisory Board Members present:, Mark Binnall – Auburn, Jarrett Connor – Worcester, Kristen Las – Shrewsbury, Michael Suprenant – Sturbridge, Barbara Connelly – Grafton, Brian Bullock – Holden, Judith O’Connor - Millbury, Doug Belanger – Leicester, Ron San Angelo- Southbridge , Candria Gray – Worcester Rider Community, William Lehtola – Spencer.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson Lehtola asked for a motion to accept the minutes for September 20, 2018. On motion by Doug Belanger, seconded by Barbara Connelly the Advisory Board accepted the minutes of September 20, 2018, the vote was carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Adam Thielker asked if there would be any public input the hiring process of the WRTA Administrator. Chairperson Lehtola stated that there was no direct public input but a list of questions regarding the position could be submitted to the board for consideration. Mr. Joe Bellil asked about the status of the ridership and disability board positions. Mr. Lehtola welcomed Ms. Gray who was appointed by the City of Worcester for the Rider Community Population board position. Chairperson Lehtola informed the board that the disability position letters of request were due back on October 26, 2018. The same city or town cannot appoint both the Rider and Disability position.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Judith O’Connor commented on how the Route 5’s reduced fixed route service moved the paratransit area and some service was lost. Ron San Angelo inquired into the progress of the hiring of the Administrator. Chairperson Lehtola commented that they are not totally settled with the present candidates but are within the interviewing stages. Kristen Las inquired about Route 15 extended trip. Mr. Parker commented that 3 out of 4 trips will make the end of the line. Mr. Parker informed the board that Clever Devices is working on getting Route 3A to post.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

FINANCE:

- a. Update on the Audit Report (FY 18) prepared for the WRTA by the Auditor for the Commonwealth

The Audit Report is complete and a WRTA Advisory Board Audit & Finance committee

Communities Served:

Auburn	Brimfield	Douglas	Grafton	Millbury	North	Paxton	Southbridge	Wales	West Boylston
Barre	Brookfield	Dudley	Holden	New Braintree	Brookfield	Princeton	Spencer	Warren	West
Berlin	Charlton	East	Holland	Northborough	Oakham	Rutland	Sturbridge	Webster	Brookfield
Boylston	Clinton	Brookfield	Leicester	Northbridge	Oxford	Shrewsbury	Sutton	Westborough	Worcester

meeting is set for October 25, 2018. Mr. Lipka extended an invitation to all board members to attend should they be interested. Ron San Angelo asked for a copy of the Audit Summary and Mr. Lipka stated all board members would receive a copy.

b. Update for a review on 5-year Capital Plan

Mr. Lipka informed the board that Ms. Shea would be presenting the 5-year Capital Plan at the upcoming Audit & Finance committee meeting.

Chairperson Lehtola requested that the advisory board go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

In open session, the Advisory Board voted to meet in executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the WRTA and the chair so declares, pursuant, to G.L. c.30A, sec 21(3). The motion for this action was as follows:

Motion: I move that the Advisory Board meet in executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the WRTA and the chair so declares, pursuant, to G.L. c.30A, sec 21(3). With the Advisory Board returning to open session.

On Motion by Doug Belanger, seconded Mark Binnall, the Advisory Board members took a roll call vote to approve this action at 8:55 a.m., and carried unanimously.

Mark Binnall	yes
Jarrett Connor	yes
Kristen Las	yes
Michael Suprenant	yes
Barbara Connelly	yes
Brain Bullock	yes
Judith O'Connor	yes
Doug Belanger	yes
Ron San Angelo	yes
Candria Gray	yes
Bill Lehtola	yes

Executive Session – The Advisory Board went out of open session at 8:55 a.m.

The Advisory Board went into open session meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Chairperson Lehtola asked for a vote to accept the contract negotiated between First Transit and Local 22 Amalgamated Transit Union.

Motion: The Worcester Regional Transit Authority votes: to accept the contract negotiated between First Transit and Local 22 Amalgamated Transit Union.

On motion by Doug Belanger, seconded by Barbara Connelly, the Advisory Board members took a roll call vote to approve this action at 9:45 a.m., and the vote was carried 10 – 1 (Abstained)

Mark Binnall	yes
Jarrett Connor	yes
Kristen Las	yes
Michael Suprenant	yes
Barbara Connelly	yes
Brian Bullock	Abstained
Judith O'Connor	yes
Doug Belanger	yes
Ron San Angelo	yes
Candria Gray	yes
Bill Lehtola	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lehtola asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion by Doug Belanger, seconded by Brian Bullock the Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. and the vote was carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next WRTA Advisory Board Meeting will be on November 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., located at the Hub, 60 Foster Street, Worcester, MA 01608 3rd floor.