

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

PRESENT:

CHARLES SCIANDRA, CHAIRMAN
VALERIE KEPNER, PH.D., TREASURER (By Phone)
JOSEPH PADAVAN, ASST. TREASURER (By Phone)
LYNETTE VILLANO, SECRETARY
GARY POLAKOSKI, ASST. SECRETARY
TOM BINDUS, MEMBER (By Phone)
DENNIS DRISCOLL, MEMBER (By Phone)
JOHN YOUNG, MEMBER (By Phone)

ABSENT:

MICHAEL CEFALO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

LEE HORTON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JOE ROSELLE, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/I.T.
TRACY KLINE, ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

OTHERS:

NONE

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman, Mr. Sciandra, welcomed everyone and invited those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call: The following Board Members were present or available by phone for the meeting: Mr. Bindus, Mr. Driscoll, Dr. Kepner, Mr. Padavan, Mr. Polakoski, Ms. Villano, Mr. Young and Mr. Sciandra.

3. Purpose of Meeting: Mr. Sciandra, Chairman

Mr. Sciandra, Chairman, said the purpose of the meeting is to elect officers. He then turned the meeting over to Atty. Blazosek.

4. Explanation of Meetings and Offices: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

Mr. Blazosek explained the bylaws identify the board officers as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. He noted that they will be elected officers with a term of one year. He added that he will serve as temporary chairman for the purpose of selecting the officers. Atty. Blazosek stated there has been proper advertisement for the reorganization meeting and there may be some opportunity to have executive session after the meeting but there is no general business to be conducted. He then opened the floor for Board Chairman Nominations.

5. Election of Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

The following nominations were made and voted on:

Chairman- Charles Sciandra, nomination made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Polakoski. All votes were for Mr. Sciandra after a roll call vote of the board members.

Vice Chairman- Michael Cefalo, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Ms. Villano. All votes were for Mr. Cefalo after a roll call vote of the board members.

Treasurer- Valerie Kepner, nomination made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Sciandra. All votes were for Dr. Kepner after a roll call vote of the board members.

Secretary- Lynette Villano, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Padavan. All votes were for Ms. Villano after a roll call vote of the board members.

Asst. Treasurer- Dennis Driscoll, nomination made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Sciandra. All votes were for Mr. Driscoll after a roll call vote of the board members.

Asst. Secretary- John Young, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Bindus. All votes were for Mr. Young after a roll call vote of the board members.

6. Introduction of New Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

Atty. Blazosek turned the meeting over to Mr. Sciandra, Board Chairman for 2021.

Mr. Sciandra thanked everyone for the confidence in all the officers. He said we probably have one of the strongest boards that he has seen in the years he has been on this board. He stated that we plowed some great ground over the last year or so and next year will be as fruitful and challenging with some of the issues facing us. Mr. Sciandra said we have great confidence in our Interim Executive Director, Mr. Horton and his team.

It was confirmed that the next board meeting would be held on January 26, 2021.

He asked if everyone was comfortable with the meeting dates and times. It was noted that the meetings occur on the 4th Tuesday of every month with the work session at 4:00 p.m. and the public meeting at 5:00 p.m. He also asked if we should cancel the July meeting as we did last year. Ms. Villano said we could always call a special meeting if something comes up. He said he would have Lee send out a list of committees and the board members can let Mr. Sciandra know if they are interested in chairing any of them.

The board went into executive session at this time.

7. Solicitor's Report: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

Atty. Blazosek noted for the record that there was an executive session from 4:47 p.m. until approximately 5:25 p.m. He said that during the time there was an update to the members of board by Mr. Horton, himself and Atty. Carmody on various personnel matters. He mentioned there are some issues that will have to be dealt with in the near future. Atty. Blazosek added that no decisions were made and it will be covered in more detail at the next board meeting.

8. Adjournment

With all business having been completed and no remarks, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Driscoll. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: Tracy Kline, Secretary to the Board