

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022

PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY JOSEPH BLAZOSEK, SOLICITOR
ATTORNEY MATTHEW CARMODY, ASST. SOLICITOR

ABSENT:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

ROBERT FIUME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JOE ROSELLE, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/I.T.
RANDY LISMAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR
DENISSE BATISTA, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
TRACY KLINE, ACCOUNTING MANAGER

OTHERS:

NONE

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Board Chairman, Mr. Sciandra, welcomed everyone to the meeting 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. Cefalo, Mr. Driscoll, Dr. Kepner, Mr. Padavan, Mr. Polakoski, Ms. Villano, Mr. Young and Mr. Sciandra.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes: Board Chairman, Mr. Sciandra asked for approval of the board minutes from September 27th, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Young. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: Dr. Valerie Kepner, Chairperson

Dr. Kepner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, pending audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cefalo. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

6. Chairperson's Report: Mr. Charles Sciandra

Mr. Sciandra asked Mr. Fiume to give an update on the Anniversary Luncheon during his report.

7. Solicitor's Report: Attorney

Atty. Blazosek noted for the record that there was an executive session from 4:10 p.m. until approximately 4:55 p.m. He said during that time the board was updated on negotiations between the Authority and the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union. He explained there was also an update on issues that pertain to the negotiations and the next steps that would be followed in an effort to obtain a contract.

8. Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Fiume said we received a scope of what was proposed by the planners for the Transit Development Plan, we returned the proposal and are waiting for approval from PennDOT to move forward.

He said the new building was moving nicely now and there is a chance we could occupy the building in December 2023.

Mr. Fiume said the 50th Anniversary Luncheon is on Thursday with our stakeholders and elected officials.

He said we are providing lunch to all employees that day as they are not able to attend. Mr. Fiume added that during the year we plan to do giveaways and promotions for our riders and hopefully have something for all employees in June.

Mr. Fiume presented the following motions which were approved together:

Motion to approve the two Change Orders for the new facility.

Motion to approve the Amendment to Programmatic Agreement as discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Young. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

9. Committees:

Public Transit Ridership Forum Committee- Valerie Kepner, Chairperson

Dr. Kepner said the next ridership meeting will be in November.

Operations/Safety Committee- Tom Bindus, Chairperson

Mr. Bindus said we had two meetings in October. He stated that on October 4th we met with Homeland Security, they discussed trespassers with a knapsack scenario and an active shooter scenario. Mr. Bindus said on October 11th we had a meeting with Trooper Peters, mostly about a mass casualty incident, adding that the four-hour meeting covered a lot of topics. He explained that Trooper Peters gave us a thumbs up on our security. Mr. Bindus said he thought it was a very good meeting and a lot of questions were asked and answered.

Strategic Planning Committee- Michael Cefalo, Chairperson

Mr. Cefalo did not have a report at this time but said we are anxiously waiting to get our first glance at our dashboard and present it to the board.

Personnel Committee- Joe Padavan, Chairperson

Mr. Padavan said we are looking for new hires and putting ads in the paper, explaining that is a continual project. He said the most important issue right now is the contract with the ATU. Mr. Padavan stated we need to be 100% together as a board to finalize this proposal and that Mr. Fiume will be meeting with the ATU staff rep.

10. Old Business: No old business was discussed.

11. New Business: None

12. Remarks: Mr. Sciandra said for anyone who would like to meet our new interim manager at Shared Ride, Debbie is here at the meeting and off to a great start.

13. Adjournment: With all business completed, Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Villano. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: Tracy Kline, Secretary to the Board