

**SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES – April 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Buhl Building, 535 Griswold, Suite 600, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

SMART Board of Directors:	Chairman	Mr. Abdul Haidous
	Vice-Chairman	Mr. John Paul Rea
		Mr. Robert Daddow
		Mr. Royce Maniko
		Mr. Gerald Poisson
		Ms. Melissa Roy
		Mr. Khalil Rahal
SMART Board Secretary:		Ms. Brenda Ynclan
SMART General Manager:		Mr. John Hertel
SMART Staff Present:		Ms. Colleen Astalos
		Mr. Fred Barbret
		Mr. Ron Beier
		Mr. Robert Cramer
		Ms. Beverly Crockett
		Mr. Stephen Dobbins
		Ms. Karen Foster
		Ms. Beth Gibbons
		Mr. Avery Gordon
		Mr. Dustin Hagfors
		Ms. Melissa Hightower
		Ms. Lynette Hurt
		Mr. Joe Kim
		Mr. Justin Miller
		Mr. Mike Patten
		Mr. Lucas Reigstat
	Mr. David Sabuda	
	Ms. Kirsten Silwanowicz	
	Ms. Leeya Sutter	
	Mr. Darrell Taylor	
	Mr. Keith Taylor	

Ms. Madonna Van Fossen
Ms. Malindia Westbrook

Public Registered: Passenger
Passenger

Mr. Eugene Conway
Mr. Rogelio Hernandez

1. Call to Order

Chairman Abdul Haidous called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Abdul Haidous, Vice-Chairman John Paul Rea, Mr. Robert Daddow, Mr. Gerald Poisson, Ms. Melissa Roy, Mr. Royce Maniko and Mr. Khalil Rahal.

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, to approve the Agenda for April 26, 2018.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Certification of Public Notice

The Secretary read the Public Notice into the record.

5. Minutes

A. Board Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, to approve the meeting minutes for March 22, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Public Participation

Chairman Abdul Haidous declared the meeting open for Public Participation.

DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Rogelio Hernandez praised the ADA drivers and said they were very courteous and make his day. He uses the service to get to his dialysis treatments. Mr. Hernandez did have some criticism for the schedulers though. He found them rude and difficult to deal with. Schedules are changed often without notice, but making changes is very hard as the dispatchers will not work to change the schedule. He indicated he had filed complaints but received no response from anyone. Mr. Hernandez asked the Board to look into his concerns and direct the schedulers to respond to the complaints which have been filed.

7. Chairman's Report

DISCUSSION:

None

8. General Manager's Report

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hertel informed the Board on the following:

- Completed solicitation for a Labor attorney to begin negotiations for SMART's five labor contracts.
- Finalized all administrative work regarding the 2019 Budget.
- Spent time doing political things necessary to get all 3 counties in the upcoming millage renewal on the ballot.
- FAST ridership is up 20% during the first 3 months.
- Continuing to advertise with 15 second ads (as affordable) reminding riders of the new FAST service demonstrating the regional aspect.

Positions filled:

- Manager of Employment & Training
- Manager of Transit Asset Management & Capital Planning
- 2 Customer Service Operators
- 3 Coach Service & Shelter Attendants

- 1 Part-Time Transit Center Sales Representative

Retirements in April, 2018:

- Director of Human Services
- 2 Fixed Route Drivers
- 1 Connector Service Driver

Mr. Hertel gave recognition to Ms. Colleen Astalos who is retiring after 37 years serving SMART. Ms. Astalos has been an exemplary employee who will be missed intensely. During her tenure the quality of her work was amazing. She has headed up Human Resources and will be greatly missed. Ms. Astalos was grateful for the opportunities given her at SMART and the personnel she has had the honor and privilege of working with.

9. New Business

A. **Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract to Butzel Long for Labor Negotiator and Consultant Services.**

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby approves the authorization to award a contract to Butzel Long for Labor Negotiations and Consultant Services.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Maniko asked if the reimbursable expenses were all-inclusive in the hourly fee. The only fees charged were parking.

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

B. **Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract to Purchase One (1) Twenty-Nine (29) Foot Eldorado National Medium (Class Two) Bus for Lake Erie Transit Commission**

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Mr. John Paul Rea, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby approves the purchase of one (1) twenty-nine foot Eldorado National Medium (Class Two) Bus for Lake Erie Transit Commission.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: Board members in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Board Member Business

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Maniko commented on the FAST buses and how well they seem to be performing. He also noticed the number of teens competing at the Robotic Competition in the City of Detroit and was impressed by the number of female engineers on-site with the teams and felt this could bring positive publicity to Detroit, Michigan. Finally, the Copper Pots from Calumet, Michigan did win the Michigan Championship so he's hoping they will come down to this world-wide competition.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Board member Mr. Robert Daddow, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Ynclan
Interim Secretary to the Board of Directors