



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

**MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
March 24, 2022**

BOARD AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order – 8:32 a.m. Ryan Daniel

II. Roll Call

Margaret Donahoe
Mike Klauda
Ryan Daniel
Sherry Munyon
Daryn Toso
Tiffany Collins
Alan Herrmann
Ted Nelson
Nick Leske
Matt Fyten
Jim Wolter

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve- Jim Wolter; Second: Alan Herrmann
Motion passed.

Old Business

IV. Approval of February 25, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)

Motion to approve- Tiffany Collins Second: Ted Nelson
Motion passed.

New Business

V. Legislative Update – Sherry Munyon

- Sherry reported that there has been little progress at the legislature so far this year. She has been meeting with legislators regarding the need for additional funding to match federal dollars and to deal with one-time expenses.
- Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. She has been working with Rep. Pete Stauber's office to get a bill introduced. More national advocacy groups are endorsing the legislation. Outreach efforts to other state transit associations are ongoing.

- At the state level, legislation has been introduced that would allow third-party testing for CDL road tests that could be helpful for transit systems in hiring bus drivers. She will be following that legislation.
- Sherry reported that Rep. Bolden is interested in introducing legislation to provide Greater Minnesota transit some additional one-time money.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- Transportation Day at the Capitol is approaching on March 31st. The Capitol Building will be open to the public and Margaret is hopeful we will be able to set meetings with legislators. She stressed the importance for the board members to come to St. Paul for the event.
- Margaret would like to do more outreach to the legislators and informed the group of the one-pagers we will be using with legislators on each transit system.

VII. Program Coordinator Position –

- Margaret reported that a new staff person has been hired by the Alliance to replace Kendra in working on MPTA events. She will be participating in the next Board meeting.

VIII. President's Update – **Ryan Daniel**

- Ryan reported on the meeting OTAT staff earlier in the week. The staff talked about federal discretionary grant programs and the issue of technical assistance for local transit systems to apply directly for federal grants. There was some discussion around MPTA trying to find out what potential projects or needs exist in this area.
- Ryan explained that he will meet with Mark Nelson in early April to discuss the agenda for the next OTAT/MPTA meeting.

IX. Financial Report –

- The Board reviewed the financial report through February 28, 2022. Systems that have not yet paid dues were encouraged to get their dues paid as soon as they can.

Motion to approve Financial Report: Jim Wolter. Second by: Tiffany Collins. Motion approved.

X. MCOTA Update – **Tiffany Collins**

- Tiffany reported that MCOTA has been working to finalize a fact sheet on the volunteer driving program. MCOTA has been working to create committees including one on accessibility and removing barriers. More events and meetings will be coming up in the near future.

XI. Events 2022

- Roadeo – Austin, MN - July 14,15, 2022
- Transit Conference – St. Cloud, MN - October 23-25, 2022
- Transportation Day at the Capitol - March 31, 2022 at Capitol Ridge Hotel
- Fly-In – Washington D.C. – September 20-22, 2022

XII. Next Meeting

April 29, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.