



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

**MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
April 29, 2022**

BOARD AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

II. Roll Call

Mike Klauda
Ryan Daniel
Sherry Munyon
Daryn Toso
Tiffany Collins
Alan Herrmann
Ted Nelson
Nick Leske
Nick Lemmer
Jim Wolter
Joanne Brackey

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 March 24, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)

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

New Business

V. Legislative Update – Sherry Munyon

- Sherry reported that the legislature is working on a transportation budget bill that includes increases in funding for Greater Minnesota transit and metropolitan area transit. The House and Senate have very different numbers but the goal is to get some level of increased funding. There has been little work a capital bonding bill so far.
- 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 the legislature and governor agreed to funding for frontline workers and the agreement does include transit system workers. She will follow up with more details on how people can apply for the funding.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- Margaret thanked everyone who attended Transportation Day at the Capitol and met with local legislators.
- Federal grant opportunities will be available and transit systems may be able to apply for some of the new grants.

VII. Program Coordinator Position –

- Heidi Buss has been hired to work as the Program Coordinator, replacing Kendra Kotzer. Heidi is busy working with the Roadeo Committee and will also be working on the Transit Conference.

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

- Ryan reported on the meeting with OTAT staff. There has been a request for support from the MPTA Board for moving to more electric vehicles in Minnesota. There was some discussion around MPTA trying to find out what potential projects or needs exist in this area.

IX. Financial Report –

- The Board reviewed the financial report through March 31, 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 on work being done by MCOTA.

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

May 26, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Adjourn