



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

**MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**June 30, 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  
Alan Herrmann  
Nick Leske  
Matt Fyten  
Tiffany Collins  
Jim Wolter  
Joanne Brackey  
Heidi Buss  
Margaret Donahoe

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

Motion to approve- Alan Herrmann; Second: Tiffany Collins  
Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**IV. Approval of May 26, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)**

Motion to approve- Jim Wolter Second: Daryn Toso  
Motion passed.

**New Business**

**V. Legislative Update – Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry reported that discussions around a special session of the legislature have pretty much died. There is some potential for a session later in the fall, but it's not very likely.
- She emphasized that one-on-one meetings with legislators and candidates will be very important. Many legislators are retiring or will not be coming back so there will be a very large turnover in terms of the makeup of the legislature. It's important for those who do wind up in St. Paul to understand transit needs and funding. She suggested that people

sign up for updates from their local legislators and to pay attention to any local town hall meetings that are scheduled.

- Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. Reps Pete Stauber and Angie Craig have signed onto a bill to tie the reimbursement rate to the IRS business mileage rate. North Carolina and Washington state congressional members have also agreed to sign on to the legislation.

#### VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- The Transportation Alliance will be hosting regional transportation meetings with candidates for the legislature this fall. Margaret urged Board members to participate in these meetings and help educate candidates about the need for transit funding.
- MPTA is part of a communications committee organized by OTAT to work on ways to improve communication between the department and the systems and between transit systems. MPTA uses the In Transit newsletter which could be expanded to include more information from OTAT along with its web site and social media accounts.
- The Finance Subcommittee of the MPTA Board held its first meeting and talked about ways to reduce the projected \$30,000 gap between revenue and expenses. Committee members and Board members are encouraged to contact vendors and ask for a contribution to the association along with participating in the annual Transit Conference. The committee will also review the dues structure and make recommendations for 2023 dues.

#### VII. Program Coordinator – **Heidi Buss**

- Heidi reported that registrations are coming in for the Roadeo and sponsorship is strong. Board members were encouraged to help spread the word and recruit more drivers for the Roadeo.
- The next planning meeting for the Transit Conference will be held at the end of July. The committee has met and discussed the topics for training and break-out sessions. The conference will be held in October in St. Cloud.

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

- Ryan reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting with OTAT staff which will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. He reported that he has met with colleagues from Iowa who are interested in participating in a 3-state transit conference in the future. He also mentioned the possibility of combining the Roadeo and the conference.
- Ryan reminded Board members that MPTA will cover the expenses for several members to attend the Washington, D.C. Fly-In. Ryan is planning attend and encouraged other Board members to attend.

#### IX. Financial Report – **Margaret Donahoe**

- The Board reviewed the financial report through May 31, 2022. She noted that some systems have not yet paid dues and that Ryan is working to arrange a meeting with the Metropolitan Council regarding MPTA dues.

Motion to approve Financial Report: Jim Wolter. Second by: Alan Herrmann. Motion approved.

X. MCOTA Update – **Tiffany Collins**

- Tiffany reported on work being done by MCOTA. There are work groups that have been meeting that focus on removing barriers, dealing with waiver and reimbursement issues and volunteer driver issues. The Volunteer Driver group has finished a fact sheet that is now available and is working on updating the brochure on volunteer drivers. The next meeting will be held in July.

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

July 21, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.