



MINNESOTA PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

**MPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**September 27, 2022**

**BOARD NOTES**

**8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

I. Call to Order – **8:35 a.m. Ryan Daniel**

II. Roll Call

Mike Klauda

Ryan Daniel

Tiffany Collins

Nick Lemmer

Alan Herrmann

Joanne Brackey

Heidi Buss

Margaret Donahoe

Sherry Munyon

III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None.

**Old Business**

IV. Approval of May 26, 2022 Minutes (Attachment)  
Deferred to next Board meeting.

**New Business**

V. Legislative Update – **Sherry Munyon**

- Sherry noted that there is discussion about a possible special session of the legislature to deal with unfinished business from the 2022 Legislative Session – especially a capital bonding bill and matching funds for federal infrastructure dollars. Right now legislators are focused on the upcoming elections. There will be many new legislators in 2023 and MPTA will need to educate them about transit needs. She will set up one-on-one meetings with new legislators.
- Sherry updated the Board on the work being done at the federal level regarding the reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers. There are now several different bills addressing the issue. Rep. Stauber has the bill that MPTA would like to see enacted which allows the business rate to be used for volunteer drivers. Other bills would change the 14-cent

rate to 24-cents per mile which still leaves a much lower rate in place for the foreseeable future.

VI. Advocacy Update – **Margaret Donahoe**

- The Transportation Alliance will be hosting regional transportation meetings with candidates for the legislature this fall in: St. Cloud, Rochester, Owatonna, Willmar, Blaine, Eagan and Duluth. Margaret urged Board members to participate in these meetings and help educate candidates about the need for transit funding.
- The MPTA Annual Meeting will be held as part of the Minnesota Public Transit Conference in October. Several Board positions will need to be filled and an agenda will need to be developed for the meeting. MPTA Awards will also be presented right after the annual meeting.

VII. Event Coordinator – **Heidi Buss**

- Planning is going well for the transit conference next month. Heidi is working with exhibitors and sponsors and we anticipate strong participation this year.

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

- Ryan discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting with OTAT.
- Ryan went through the agenda for the MPTA Annual Meeting which will take place during the transit conference.

IX. Financial Report – **Nick Lemmer**

- The Board reviewed the financial report through August 2022.

X. MCOTA Update – **Tiffany Collins**

- Tiffany reported that the Volunteer Driver committee has finalized a new brochure. MCOTA is setting up new committees as they look to the future. Volunteer Driver Forums are being planned with a webinar on October 5th and one in February.

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

November 22, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.