

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

DRAFT Minutes, August 25, 2022

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEOeCpOfE4>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	*	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Wood Hudson alternate for Neil Sherman, DRPT	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	X
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban		Chuck Proctor, VDOT	
Becca White, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Ben Chambers	X
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Trevor Henry, Albemarle County	X
Charmane White, Alb County PS		Holcomb K (zoom screen name)	X
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Katie Ebinger	X
Peter Thompson, CAA	x	Peter Voorhees, AECOM	X
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO		Scott Baker	X
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Sean Tubbs	X
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle County	X
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT	X
Kendall Howell, UTS (alternate)		Jerry Diley	X
Jody Saunders, CAA (alternate)		Chet Parsons, CVTA	X
		Ryan Davidson	X
		Wyatt Burtell	X

* Remote attendance

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Online Participants

Motion/Action: On a motion by Becca White, seconded by Lloyd Snook, the committee unanimously allowed Bea LaPisto-Kirtley to join the meeting remotely. Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley participated remotely due to medical condition.



The members of the meeting introduced themselves at the request of Ms. McKeel.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 5:11)

Approval of Agenda

Motion/Action: Becca White moved to approve the agenda. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Hal Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes. Becca White seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 7:00):

Jerry Diley, former City resident, now resident of Albemarle County, who served on the Community Mobility Committee in 2002 said they completed a study on light rail transit in Charlottesville and environments. He wanted to remind the committee of that study that goes to Stanardsville, Crozet, and Zion Crossroads.

4. CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PRESENTATION (MINUTE 8:53):

Chet Parsons, Director of Transportation, Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization, presented the committee with the process the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) went through with transit governance. He explained who the CVTA is and its background. The CVTA administers funds collected from gas tax and sales tax specifically for transportation purposes. The functions and powers of the CVTA include:

- regional prioritization of projects
- annual regional transit plan
- oversees distribution of local funds, and
- issue bonds as needed

He also described the regional project selection framework with scoring and ranking for 37 projects.

Conversation and questions followed the presentation.

Ms. Jacobs gave a governance study update. She noted that once the scope of the study is finalized, the study can begin. It has an 18-month timeline and will be completed at the end of 2023.

She said if there are any questions about transit governance, please asked the committee to email her, Lucinda Shannon or Sandy Shackelford and they will pass it along to Chet Parsons for answers. She also said she would send a follow up email to the committee with the presentation and the links that Mr. Parsons shared in the Zoom chat.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (MINUTE 1:09:27):

Diantha McKeel explained that ordinarily there would have been election of officers in July, but there was no July meeting, so the election was pushed out to August.

Motion/Action: Bea LaPisto-Kirtley made a motion to nominate Diantha McKeel as Chair. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Action: Brink Pinkston made a motion to nominate Llyod Snook as Vice Chair. Bea LaPisto-Kirtley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. FY23 RTP WORKPLAN (MINUTE 1:14:10)

Lucinda Shannon presented the committee with the activities and roles she and other staff do in support of the RTP.

Motion/Action: Becca White made a motion to accept the workplan as presented. Hal Morgan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:37:15)

UTS: Becca White reported that UTS is running the employee shuttles the same throughout the year. Since academic recess is over, they are back to full service for the students. There is a fixed route that runs until 2:00 a.m. seven days a week. She reported that they are still having staffing issues and they hope to bring headways to 10 minutes.

UTS has fixed and on-demand running at the same time. The on-demand service is called Night Pilot. They are going to have a contest to rename the service.

Ms. White reminded the committee that there is on-going construction through January, 2023, and that football is returning. She noted that every home game is on a Saturday.

Lastly, she noted that the transit service providers will be meeting again in a few weeks.

Jaunt: Ted Rieck introduced Zedie Lacy, their new Transportation Planner. He reported that they are looking to getting into micro-transit. He noted that Jody Saunders is moving out of the area and will be leaving Jaunt.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Charmane White was not present, so no report was given.

CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools: Garland Williams reported that City Council approved CAT to unionize (operators, mechanics, drivers and staff). The drivers are already in contact with a union in Richmond. He reported that CAT ridership numbers are “not good and are getting worse by the day.”

Regarding the driver shortage, he reported that the schools have seven drivers and they need 30. CAT has 39 drivers and they need 64.

DRPT: Wood Hudson reported that September is “Discover Transit” month. The goal is to raise awareness and encourage ridership. There is more information at www.transitva.gov. He also explained the mid-cycle grant opportunity for transit. Mr. Hudson said he would send the information with a link to Lucinda Shannon to share with the committee.

Rideshare: Sara Pennington shared an update on the Afton Express. It is having its one year anniversary in September. Look for information on opportunities to celebrate that milestone.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

NOTE: The next meeting is at 4:00 p.m. at the Water Street Center on Thursday, September 22.