
Board Minutes – March 21, 2019

Recommended Action(s): Approve

Information Type: Decision

Meeting Information: Ann Arbor District Library, March 21, 2018. 6:32 p.m.- 9:36 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Eric Mahler, Kyra Sims, Prashanth Gururaja, Mike Allemang, Roger Hewitt, Jesse Miller, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Larry Krieg, Eli Cooper, Sue Gott

Staff in Attendance: Matt Carpenter, Bryan Smith, Tim Sanderson, Phil Webb, Candace Moore, Rosa-Maria Njuki, Geri Barnstable

Chairman Eric Mahler noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1) Opening Items

1. Approve Agenda

Mr. Hewitt moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Mozak-Betts seconded. All approved the agenda.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Jim Mogensen spoke about fares and fare studies he learned about at other meetings.

3. General Announcements

Mr. Carpenter announced 2 new staff members. Both were in attendance. Candace Moore is the new Manager of Fleet Services. Rosa-Maria Njuki is the new Corporate Strategy and Performance Officer.

2) Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the February 21st Meeting were not in the packet, so this was withdrawn from the agenda. These minutes will be circulated after this meeting and be included in the packet for the next Board Meeting, along with the Minutes from the March meeting.

3) Board Development: Transit Oriented Development

1. Bradley Strader Presentation

Mr. Strader discussed having development and street design shaped by mixed use, both residential and commercial. This varies in different areas. He talked about stages and influencers and who

participate, such as the municipalities usually having the authority for decisions. He advised that AAATA can advocate for Transit Oriented Development work with the community for it to become increasingly transit friendly. Questions and discussion followed. Highlights included long term commitment by local governments, the Washtenaw BRT and examples of other cities. Mr. Carpenter made closing comments that the next step would be to have this in the Strategic Business Plan in the section on land development, to complement transit use.

4) Policy Monitoring and Development

1. Board's Annual Plan of Work

1. Chairman Mahler noted that the Ends will be finalized at the retreat and that the Resource Allocation Task Force is planning their next meeting.

2. Policy Monitoring and Committee Reports

1. Governance Committee

Chairman Mahler reported that they found the ½ Day Retreat to be fantastic and are awaiting Rose Mercier's results to use toward the Full Day Retreat.

2. Finance Committee

Mr. Allemang reported that the Committee discussed the 2 monitoring reports that would be discussed that night. On Policy 2.3, Compensation + Benefits, they agreed that Item B is compliant. For this, the Committee voted 3 members for B, in compliance with exceptions noted. 1 person voted it was non-compliant. There was also a lot of discussion about Policy 2.8, Asset Allocation. Voting on compliance, 3 voted "B" and 1 chose non-compliant. Mr. Metzinger reviewed the Budget Calendar for 2020 and the impact of both Federal and State Budgets. He also noted that there will be a change in the reporting format for the next quarter, to provide a better look at cash flow and generally be more detailed.

3. Service Committee

Mr. Hewitt reported that there was a preliminary discussion of Long-Range Planning and that public engagement would be key, along with the Board participating in public outreach.

3. Other Boards and Ownership Linkage

1. LAC, WATS, A2 Transportation Commission

LAC

Cheryl Weber reported that the primary mission of the LAC Annual Plan about vehicles was discussed.

WATS

Mr. Krieg reported that the agenda was not completed but that transportation and funding are going fine.

A2 Transportation Commission

Ms. Sims reported on the A2 Transportation Commission meeting.

2. Task Force Reports

Mr. Allemang reported that all 4 members of the Ownership Linkage Task Force met last week

and that the first outreach will be to the legal owners with a letter to the 3 town leaders. Chairman Mahler reported that the Resource Allocation Task Force meeting will be scheduled for the first week in April.

5) Strategy and Operational Updates: CEO

1. Service Planning Process Follow Up Discussion

Mr. Sanderson reported that a schedule is being developed now in response to the Board's comments. It is expected to go out for public comment during mid-summer. Next steps include a more formal schedule and milestones to report back to the Board on. Questions and discussion followed including more details on how the Board can get involved.

2. Monitoring Reports

1. 2.3: Compensation + Benefits

Mr. Carpenter reported that we don't believe our staff compensation is far off from others however, the system is obsolete, so a consultant will be hired to help put a new system in place by January 2020. There was a discussion and questions about how much in compliance AAATA is. Mr. Carpenter indicated that he believed some parts were non-compliant because they were not specific enough. Mr. Allemang motioned for a vote, seconded by Ms. Gott. It was unanimous for "B", in compliance with exceptions as noted.

2. 2.8: Asset Protection

Mr. Carpenter reported that this was discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting. At its core, it is about financial risk with fixed assets, but innovation is also included as an asset. Mr. Carpenter stated that guidance from the Board is being sought. There was much discussion, especially about what each letter vote means. When they voted it was for "B", Asset Protection is in compliance except for as noted, Items 2.8.2.a, 2.8.3.3, 2.8.5.2, 2.8.5.6.

3. CEO Report

Mr. Carpenter reported that Mr. Smith had emailed the University of Michigan about the report of an active shooter on campus and AAATA's response to the situation. He then reported on his trips for APTA to Washington, D.C. and MPTA to Lansing. The focus in Washington is on Federal Budgets by APTA and the Bus Coalition. In Washington, he met with the offices of Congresswoman Dingell and Senators Peters and Stabenow. He provided more details. The focus in Lansing is the Governor's Budget which is in its early stages so too soon to be assessed. He felt heard at all levels.

6) Emergent Business

None.

7) Closing Items

1. Topics for next meeting: Fares, Retreat Planning

2. Public Comment

1. Mr. Jim Mogenson talked about living wage ordinances, an article in the Ann Arbor Observer about the most recent millage and gave some history of capital spending.

2. Ms. Michelle Barney from Ypsilanti asked for Security at the YTC and inquired about extended service on Sunday. Mr. Smith responded that extended service had already been implemented.
3. Board Assessment of Meeting
4. Adjournment
Mr. Hewitt motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Gott. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Geri Barnstable

Approved April 18, 2019