



Approved Minutes

June 20, 2016

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors Retreat
Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, 8:30 a.m.

Board: Mike Allemang, Jack Bernard, Eli Cooper, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sue Gott, Prashanth Gururaja, Larry Krieg, Eric Mahler (Chair), Stephen Wade

Guest: Roger Hewitt (recommended for appointment to AAATA Board)

Staff: Michael Benham, Matt Carpenter, Dawn Gabay, Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz

Facilitator: Susan Radwan

Recording Secretary: Karen Wheeler

Chairman Eric Mahler declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Ms. Radwan of Leading Edge Mentoring introduced herself.

Ms. Radwan instructed the Board on the Carver Policy Model of Governance through a [presentation](#) covering agenda items 1.0 through 3.0.

1.0 [The Range of Governance Models](#)

2.0 [The Principles of Policy Governance](#)

3.0 [Practices of Policy Governance](#)

Ms. Radwan responded to questions from board members throughout the presentation.

The meeting was suspended from 11:52am to 12:22pm for lunch.

Ms. Radwan instructed the Board on agenda items 4.0 through 6.0. Ms. Radwan reviewed [Policy Governance](#)® [Sample Policies & Tools](#) . The sample policies were drafted based on values

expressed in a survey of AAATA board members. There was a brief discussion on how to develop “Ends”.

4.0 Policy Development: Ends

5.0 Policy Development: Board Management Delegation

6.0 Further Policy Development

7.0 Next Steps

Board members shared ideas for proceeding and verbally assented to continuing the discussion about Policy Governance at the next Board meeting.

8.0 Public Participation

Carolyn Grawi appeared before the Board. Ms. Grawi commented on her attendance at Board and Local Advisory Council meetings since 1987 and raising issues related to people with disabilities. Ms. Grawi suggested that the board has gotten farther away from people in their interactions as a board. Ms. Grawi suggested that board members reconnect with the public alleging that board decisions are being made outside of the public purview and although meetings are public, it is hard to track where pieces are going. Ms. Grawi expressed appreciation for the governance work coming forward. Ms. Grawi named John Troutman as a local expert on nonprofit boards. Ms. Grawi shared an analogy on the difference of a basic model versus upscale model noting the time and commitment it takes to achieve a higher level model.

No one further appearing, Mr. Mahler declared Public Time closed.

9.0 Adjourn

Eli Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Gillian Ream Gainsley. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Wade, Secretary