



Minutes for July 20, 2022 Board Meeting

Board Members present: Larry Wynne and Brian Doughton; Martha Dougher via phone; Mike Dougherty via phone; Gregg Nieto was absent.

In attendance: Tim McGrath, Atty. Joseph DeNaples, Atty. Timothy Hinton, Mike Danchak, Zain Rabbani, Gretchen M. Wintermantel, Ralph Colo, Steve Matassa, and Keri Savage.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Larry Wynne stated the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Communications Director Gretchen Wintermantel did roll call. Gregg Nieto was absent.

Mr. Wynne asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting; Brian Doughton made the motion and Martha Dougher seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wynne asked for a motion to approve the financial statements for June 2022; Mike Dougherty made the motion and Mrs. Dougher seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wynne asked if there was public comment on agenda items only; there was none.

Executive Director Tim McGrath gave his report. He said that revenue is up in Shared Ride at about \$45,000, up from June 2019 (which was about \$35,500.)

Shared Ride ridership was more than 8,000 trips for June 2022, still down about 1,200 trips from June 2019. He said we are giving more "single client" rides and traveling further distances, rather than picking up as many groups of people as we once did, Mr. McGrath explained. It is putting an unforeseen stress on the operation, he added.

Fixed route revenue was up \$15,000 up over May 2022, but down \$24,700 from June 2019 Fixed route ridership was up more than 4,000 over May 2022, but still down 22,500 from June 2019. We are at about 72% of where we were at pre-COVID, he added.

He said COLTS is not the anomaly and that we are in line with other agencies statewide.

Mr. McGrath discussed the driver shortage in Shared Ride. He said the decision was made that trips needed to be restricted on Fridays and Mondays to essential trips only. He said we have a full-court press focused on hiring. He said we have already gotten a somewhat positive response.

The Shared Ride drivers are being worked many hours and are stressed and frustrated. Mr. McGrath said our full attention is on the situation. Human Resources Director Keri Savage said the Facebook shares of the job posting have helped a great deal with applicants. There will be further advertising on bus shelters, vans, and in the newspaper, Mr. McGrath said.

Mr. Wynne asked if there was a motion to approve the revised procurement policy. Mr. Doughton made the motion and Mrs. Dougher seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wynne asked if there was public comment on any other business; there was none.

Mr. Wynne asked if there was a motion to adjourn; Mr. Doughton made the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen M. Wintermantel