

Board of Director's Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/Time: October 21, 2021, 6:30-9:00pm

Location: REMOTE – Via Zoom

Board Attendance:

Kyra Sims
Ryan Hunter
Raymond Hess
Roger Hewitt

Chair, Eric Mahler

Staff Attendance:

Matt Carpenter
Bryan Smith
Forest Yang
Dina Reed
Don Bowlin
Gwyn Newsome
LaTasha Thompson
LaTonya
Sue Fickau
Michael Blackston

Guests/Public Attendance:

Rose Mercier, Consultant
Michelle Barney
Jim Mogensen
Robert Pawlawski
Winston Morris

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 6:33

Agenda Item
1. OPENING ITEMS
<p>1.1 Approve Agenda</p> <p>Mr. Rich Chang moved and Mr. Ryan Hunter seconded to approve the October 21, 2021 agenda as presented. The vote was recorded:</p> <p>Rich Chang, Cheboygan County Michigan, yes Raymond Hess, Ann Arbor, yes Roger Hewitt, Ann Arbor, yes Ryan Hunter, Ypsilanti Township Michigan, yes Kathleen Mozak, Ann Arbor, yes Kira Sims, Ann Arbor, yes Eric Mahler, Ann Arbor, yes</p>

1.2 Public Comment

Robert Pawlawski, of Southgate Michigan noted difficulty signing into meeting from website. He thinks long-range plan public comment sessions should be held in-person as well as virtually. He suggested that space be used at Briarwood Mall.

Jim Mogensen provided historical background of millage funding at AAATA. He expressed his concern around long-range planning and its dependence on the success of the millage. He noted the complexity of the financial structure.

1.3 General Announcements

There were no general announcements

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Board Meeting Minutes September 23 and October 6

2.2 Committee Meeting Summaries

2.3 Monitoring Report Policy 2.11 Construction

2.4 Monitoring Report Policy 2.4 Change

2.5 Treatment of Staff Follow-up

Chairman Mahler introduced the Consent Agenda that included items 2.1 through 2.5. Ms. Mozak moved and Mr. Chang seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was recorded:

Mr. Chang, yes
Mr. Hess, yes
Mr. Hewitt, yes
Mr. Hunter, yes
Ms. Mozak, yes
Ms. Sims, yes
Mr. Mahler, yes

The Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

3. POLICY MONITORING & DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Committee Meeting Discussion

Mr. Hess thanked Mr. Carpenter and staff for response to the staff survey and follow-up action after the Treatment of Staff Monitoring Report.

3.2 Board Work Plan for 2022

Chairman Mahler introduced the Board Work Plan for 2022 and noted that it is heavy with efforts involving the Long-Range Plan, Contract Negotiation and Millage. The group agreed that education efforts should be related to the three major efforts at hand. Mr. Hewitt indicated his hope that past efforts to improve ownership linkage won't be lost in the next year.

Mr. Hunter moved and Ms. Sims seconded to accept the FY2022 Work Plan as presented. The vote was recorded:

Mr. Cheng, yes
Mr. Hess, yes
Mr. Hewitt, yes
Mr. Hunter, yes
Ms. Mozak, yes
Ms. Sims, yes
Mr. Mahler, yes

4. STRATEGY & OPERATIONAL UPDATES: CEO

4.1 Long-Range Plan Discussion

Mr. Yang explained the status of Long-range Planning Efforts. Stakeholder meetings are ongoing, public meetings and comment opportunities continue to mid-November. He explained the many efforts being used to reach the public.

Mr. Carpenter reinforced the importance of the board's role to advocate for improvement in public transit.

4.2 CEO Report

Mr. Carpenter congratulated Michelle Whitlow and Miriam Flagler who have recently been awarded by the Public Purchasing Association for their exceptional performance.

He also noted vaccination clinic for staff and the restart of D2A2.

5. EMERGENT ITEMS

No emergent items were brought to the attention of the Chair.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.1 Topics for Next Meetings

Chairman Mahler listed the following items for the next board meeting: Policy Monitoring Treatment of Traveling Public (Policy 2.1), Q4 Service Report, and Q4 Finance Report. No members had additional topics for consideration on the November agenda.

6.2 Public Comment

Mr. Jim Mogensen suggested the new ride program started by the AARP and AAATA work together to source funding for GoldRide. He provided historical background for revenue sharing, funding, and purchase of service.

Mr. Pawlawski thanked Mr. Yang and Mr. Carpenter for the Long-range Plan. He made many suggestions for public outreach about the plan.

Ms. Michelle Barney said she received a card asking for feedback and wondered what kind of feedback the board is seeking. She also indicated that she has noticed improvement in A-Ride service.

6.3 Closed Session (pursuant to Section 8(c) of the OMA)

Mr. Hewitt moved and Mr. Hess provided a second to move to a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 8. The vote was recorded:

Mr. Chang, yes
Mr. Hess, yes
Mr. Hewitt, yes
Mr. Hunter, yes
Ms. Mozak, yes
Ms. Sims, yes
Mr. Mahler, yes

The board adjourned to Closed Session.

6.4 Adjournment

The board reconvened following Closed Session to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Chang moved and Mr. Hewitt seconded to adjourn the meeting of the AAATA Board of Directors. The vote was recorded:

Mr. Chang, yes

Mr. Hess, yes

Mr. Hewitt, yes

Mr. Hunter, yes

Ms. Mozak, yes

Ms. Sims, yes

Mr. Mahler, yes

Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Reynolds