

*Access Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts
Bay Transportation Authority (AACT)*

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Board of Directors Minutes

Meeting opened at 10:15 AM

Board of Directors:

Chairman - James F. White

Vice Chairman - Rick E. Morin

Executive Board

Mary Ann Murray

Ian Perrault

Beverly Ann Rock

Lisa Weber

The next meeting will be on March 23rd.

Reading of the Agenda

Introductions

Attendees: James White, Ian Perrault, Hang Lee, Rick Morin, Tozza, Lisa Weber, Arthur Kovac

MPO Staff:

Janie Guion

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 27, 2016, December 18, 2015, and November 16, 2015 was made by Rick Morin and seconded by Ian Perrault. The minutes were all accepted unanimously.

Chairman White's Report

He stated the following:

- On January 28th he attended bus recertification training.
- On February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd he attended meetings of the Centralized Call and Control Center (CCCC).
- On February 3rd he attended a passenger assistance training class.
- On February 17th he attended the System-Wide Accessibility meeting of the Plan for Accessible Transportation Infrastructure.

- On February 18th he attended the Means Testing pilot meeting.

He asked for comments. There were none.

Committee Reports

Rider Oversight Committee Report (ROC)

Lisa Weber, Board Member and AACT's representative to ROC, stated the following:

- ROC members heard from a representative from the Central Transportation Planning Staff, who addressed the upcoming MBTA fare increase and fare formulation tool.
- ROC members raised concerns about the discontinuance of late night service. They discussed the impact it would have on customers who work late shifts and on customers' social activities.
- ROC members were told that the MBTA may run the Mattapan Trolley line as a bus route to the dismay of customers.
- ROC members were told that decisions at the MBTA are data-driven.
- ROC members were given updates on the procurement process and the work of the Vehicle Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- ROC members are interested in finding other ways to save money than cutting service.

Open Discussion

The following issues were discussed:

- Concerns were raised about THE RIDE vendor's impact of the monetary penalty clause for on-time performance due to lost ridership in exchange for lost revenue. Questions were raised about when the real-time service app, Where's My RIDE, would be launched.
- The advantages and disadvantages of the Centralized Call and Control Center were discussed.
- Concerns were raised about customers who affect bus schedules by adding fare money to their CharlieCard when boarding.
- Concerns were raised about how upgrading the payment system to allow the use of a universal debit or credit card will affect people who pay per trip.
- Concerns were mentioned about whether or not there would be track replacement on all lines to accommodate new train procurements. It was noted that there were derailments following the last order of Green Line trains.

Old Business

Secretary Pollack has not yet been confirmed as the guest speaker at the Annual Summit on Transit Accessibility.

New Business

None was presented.

Announcements

Chairman White encouraged members to attend the reopening of Government Center Station in March.

Meeting ended at 11:57 AM

Notables

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