

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

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Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Meeting opened at 10:06 AM

Board of Directors:

Chairman – James F. White

Vice Chairman - Open

Executive Board

Mary Ann Murray

Beverly Ann Rock

Lisa Weber

ATTENDANCE:

James White, Tom Tozza, Jessica Podesva, Hang Lee, Lisa Weber

Chairman White's Report

He stated the following:

- He attended the National Express passenger assistance training and the ADA training at the Charlestown Bus Garage.
- He would like to appoint a disabled veteran to serve on Executive Board. He has contacted Giselle Sterling, Boston Commissioner of Veterans Service for recommendations.
- He was invited to participate in the MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board Strategic Plan Stakeholder input session.
- He attended a meeting to discuss the implications of bus privatization with Laura Brelsford and Rob Sampson.
- He reported that Gerald Francis has been named President of Keolis North America and David Scorey will be the new general manager.
- He informed members that he is looking to appoint more Board members and that anyone who is interested should see AACT's Coordinator

Committee Report

Rider Oversight Committee (ROC)

Lisa Weber, AACT representative to ROC commented that Peggy Griffin from the Federal Transit Administration was the speaker at the ROC meeting. She explained that cancelation of trains on the Fairmont Line may be an equity issue which would be a clear violation of Title VI.

Chairman White commented that he spoke to Gerald Francis of Keolis to get an explanation of train cancelations and noted that he was very apologetic for the disruption in service. He was informed him that all cancelations would need approval from Mr. Francis.

L. Weber noted that late night service was discussed and that it is a good idea and should be restored.

Chairman White thanked Ms. Weber for her report.

Open Discussion

Chairman White discussed that he was approached by city leaders and others to help support the increase in ridership on the Fairmont Line. He also noted that Keolis will make a statement today about train cancelations.

AACT Board is concerned about the impact of late night service on overnight vehicle maintenance and the effect bus privatization will have on persons with disabilities.

Chairman White addressed his concern about Board members who continue to be absent from meetings. He is concerned about their commitment to AACT.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Chairman White asked when the preparation would begin for the 2017 Summit. *L. Weber* commented that early January.

Announcements

Chairman White appointed Lisa Weber as the new AACT Vice Chair to which she accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

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