



**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
d/b/a THE COAST RTA
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
10:00 PM**

Board Present: Katharine D'Angelo
Darrell Eickhoff
Marvin Keene
Elijah Metherd
Sarah Pope
Bernard Silverman
Marvin Keene

Staff Present: Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO
Ron Prater, CFO
Lauren Morris, Strategic Communications Manager
Candace Brown, Senior Planner/Special Projects
Ann-Martin Buffkin, Staff Accountant/Board Liaison
Doug Herriott, Operations Manager
Tom Burda, Maintenance Manager
Rob Edgar, Deputy Maintenance Manager

Visitors: None

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the FY2025 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2025 fiscal year, stating the date, time, and location. In addition, notice of this meeting was provided to the press and stakeholders, stating the date, time, and location on February 24, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Silverman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Silverman gave the invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM: Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: An additional resolution was added to the Service/PAC Committee section. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the revised agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the minutes for February 26, 2025, were approved unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: None

SERVICE/PACC COMMITTEE: Dr. Twigg began by updating the Board on what was discussed at the Service/PACC committee meeting which included an update on the state of the fleet, marketing strategy from the Entertainment Shuttle (will be advertised on billboards per Mrs. Morris).

Mr. Piascik explained the following details to the resolution below.

Resolution MAR2025-08 – Approval of the FY24 –27 Title VI Program

This resolution was approved.

There was discussion on PPE on the buses as well as narcotic use and how that affects Authority employees. Mr. Piascik gave an overview of the Authority's fleet providing details of years, models, and makes, as well the cost for replacements.

Resolution MAR2025-11 – Authorization for General Manager/CEO To Purchase Used Buses.

There was a motion to accept the resolution by Mrs. Pope and a second by Mr. Metherd. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the resolutions passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dr. Keene updated the Board on what was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Items discussed included February financials and the compensation plan. The main issue is liquidity, cash being where it needs to be. Dr. Keene pointed out that being able to draw down from grants is essential to make sure the Authority can meet cash requirements.

Mr. Piascik stated that Horry County wanted approval of any Authority raises. To satisfy this, Coast RTA will provide them with a compensation plan. More conversations with Horry County to come.

Resolution MAR2025-10 – Authorization to Execute Horry County Funding Agreement

There was a motion to accept the resolution by Mr. Eickhoff and a second by Mr. Metherd. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the resolutions passed unanimously.

Resolution MAR2025-09 – Authorization for the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to File Applications with the Federal Transit Administration

There was a motion to accept the resolution by Mr. Eickhoff and a second by Mr. Metherd. A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the resolutions passed unanimously.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Eickhoff stated that he and Ms. Pope started collecting data to pull together a new tool to evaluate the CEO/GM.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Piascik announced that the Authority performed very well in the Rodeo in Columbia SC. Matt Simon, a fixed route operator finished 2nd in the 35ft category. The Authority's Maintenance team (Rob Edgar, Bradley Horne, Jason O'Brein) won the competition. The Maintenance team will be heading to Austin, TX for the International Rodeo.

Mr. Piascik shared that Momentum 2050 – SCDOT Long Range Transportation Plan is out for comment. This plan calls for an additional \$6 million in SMTF funds to help with local match requirements to obtain federal funding.

Facility update – The Authority's attorney has filed for discovery meaning they have asked the court to compel the owners to come up with appraisal) to react to our condemnation. The Authority has completed the NEPA follow-up. Kimley Horn is updating the site plan and has been hired to develop a storm water plan.

A new employee manual has been published and will be distributed at the next State of the Coast meetings, mainly updating the absenteeism process. The Authority has submitted the Rural/Tribal Pilot Program Grant Application and is currently working on the 5310 Application to help replace and expand the fleet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Mr. Eickhoff and 2nd by Dr. Keene to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Silverman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.