



**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
d/b/a THE COAST RTA
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 29, 2024
12:00 PM**

Board Present: Melissa Bilka
Katharine D'Angelo
Darrell Eickhoff
Lillie Jean Johnson
Marvin Keene
Elijah Metherd
Bernard Silverman
Nicholas Twigg
Randall Wallace

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

Visitors: None

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the 2024 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2024 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 May 29, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Silverman called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM 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: A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard; the agenda was approved unanimously.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: None.

SERVICE/PACC COMMITTEE: Dr. Twigg stated the committee discussed routes with no big changes. Summer service started May 28, 2024, and will have status in about a month. The committee had a discussion on vanpool. Currently, there are three vanpools in service. Ms. Bilka states she is excited to get participation in the outer lying areas of the communities to allow individuals to have reliable transportation. Ms. Bilka stated they had already gained an associate from the vanpools and hopes to attain more associates over time. Currently, the fee is set at an introductory rate of \$25 to \$30 per week per rider. There is a pretax deduction for this cost as a benefit. Before the vanpool program, associates would carpool, take a bus or Uber. A lot of associates are one vehicle households, so another benefit is being able to leave their personal vehicle at home for their family. The Coast RTA logo is on the vehicle as well as the Enterprise logo and Waccamaw Foundation logo and the hotel will add a magnet with the hotel name in the future.

Resolution: Resolution No: MAY2024-03 – Acceptance of The Waccamaw RTA Transit Asset Management Plan - FY24. A voice vote was taken; no nays begin heard; the resolution passes unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dr. Keene gave an overview of the financials as follows: overall budget is in balance, variances per line-item question – may require budget revision later but overall, on target .2 %. There is a cash concern in the near future which lead to the question of taking out a short-term loan/line of credit. The Authority already has a policy for this and will not require a resolution. Taking a line of credit may be necessary as cash requirements shows a gap between when funding will be available and June expenses. The Authority will not receive any operating assistance for May or June until late July or August. The policy states that the GM may borrow up to \$250,000 that must be paid back within 90 days and the GM will only take a line of credit when absolutely necessary. The GM will notify the Board in any instance in which a line of credit is taken.

Resolution: MAY2024-04 – Authorization to File FY24-25 5311 & SMFT Grant Application – There was a motion to accept the resolution by Ms. D’Angelo and a second by Mr. Eickhoff. A voice vote was taken; no nays begin heard; the resolution passes unanimously.

Resolution: MAY2024-05 – Authorization to File FY24-25 53307 Grant Application – There was a motion to accept the resolution by Mr. Eickhoff and a second by Dr. Keene. A voice vote was taken; no nays begin heard; the resolution passes unanimously.

Resolution: MAY2024-06 – Authorization to File FY24/25 5339 Grant Applications – There was a motion to accept the resolution by Mr. Eickhoff D’Angelo and a second by Dr. Keene. A voice vote was taken; no nays begin heard; the resolution passes unanimously.

Mr. Silverman stated that the Authority’s FY25 budget must be passed by July 31, 2024. The Finance Committee is to meet in July 2024 and either do a continuing FY24 budget or pass a new budget.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Silverman stated the GM evaluations will be in the fall. Mr. Eickhoff will be heading this up.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Piascik went to the TASC retreat in Clemson. He stated there are lots of things going on. One big thing was recasting the TASC vision and mission. Mr. Piascik will be heading back to Columbia on Monday to reinvent the organization to tangibly tell members what TASC benefits are and focusing on what we want the State Legislator to do. TASC will be planning a rural transit day for July 12, 2024, in Greenville, SC. The TASC annual conference will be held at the end of the week of Labor Day here in Myrtle Beach at the convention center.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mr. Eickhoff stated that Ride IV meets on June 4, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Silverman announced that there is a need for a Vice Chair for the Board. He asked for nominations in July 2024 with an election in August 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was a motion to go into Executive Session by Dr. Keene with a second by Ms. D'Angelo at which time the recording session ended. A motion to come out of the Executive Session was made by Dr. Keene with a second by Mr. Eickhoff. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Silverman adjourned the meeting at 1:13 PM.