



**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
d/b/a THE COAST RTA
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
10:00 AM**

Board Present: Katharine D'Angelo
Darrell Eickhoff
Lillie Jean Johnson
Elijah Metherd
Sarah Pope
Bernard Silverman
Nick Twigg

Staff Present: Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO
Lauren Morris, Strategic Communications Manager
Ann-Martin McCall, Staff Accountant/Board Liaison
Candace Brown, Senior Planner/Special Projects

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 May 28, 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 Executive Session will be added to the agenda. 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 April 30, 2025, were approved unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: None

SERVICE/PACC COMMITTEE: Dr. Twigg stated there was no committee meeting last week. The Entertainment shuttle began May 27, 2025, with extra service on the Myrtle Beach portion (Route 17) to serve the J1 dormitory. There are a lot of J1 students this year. This should boost ridership for the shuttles. There was a discussion regarding advertising and upcoming RPF's on technology and advertising.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Silverman gave an overview of the April financials. Passenger fares are down 7.8% year to date but are up this April compared to last April. This is due to technological problems with fareboxes. Overall budget shows salaries and benefits are below budget, maintenance salaries and benefits are above budget while administrative salaries and benefits are below budget. Telecommunications expenses are above budget. The balance sheet shows \$22,000 in our reserve fund. Ridership is up this month compared to this time last year. Paratransit demand response is 2nd highest we have had in two years. The plan for presenting the budget is as follows: budget will be presented at July finance committee meeting, then presented to the full Board at the July Board Meeting, presented again at finance committee meeting in August to present to Board for approval at the August Board meeting.

Mr. Piascik sent an RFP to banks for \$2.5 million line of credit. Thus far, Coast has not gotten final approval for the \$300,000 borrowing funds from CNB, awaiting response today, 05/28/25. Banks must acknowledge receipt of the RFP by the end of next week letting Coast know if they would like to provide a written proposal. Banks will have an opportunity to ask questions next Tuesday on a call and then they will have until June 20th to provide the proposal and then to fund it 10 days after that. RFP's were sent to five local banks and three regional banks.

In the last week, lots of movement. State sent Coast a split letter for \$4 million, they are flexing 5339 funding to Coast RTA. We have gotten our full allocation of federal urban funding. Candace's grant into the COG has been fully funded, totaling \$699,000. Mr. Piascik gave an overview of how these funds will be used.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Silverman stated information would be forthcoming.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: It was noted that Ms. D'Angelo will have a bylaw's meeting after this board meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Piascik let discussed the following topics:

*NTD reporting – the NTD reporting for FY24 is still going on -heavy lift. Remaining issues are vanpool funding and passenger miles calculation – need resolution for data collection project.

*SWPPP – Permitting accepted for stormwater and wastewaer (vehicle washing)

*UST inspections are in process

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Piascik explained the details of Resolution No. May2025-12 - Authorization for General Manager/CEO to Lease Automatic Passenger Counters.

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

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will not be a board meeting for June 2025; however, there will be committee meetings on June 18th 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Mr. Eickhoff and a second by Lillie Jean Johnson adjourn the meeting. Mr. Silverman adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM.