

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Nathaniel Lackey
Michael Williams
Michael J. Williams
Doug Miller
Sarah Preskitt

Citizens Present

Bryce Gitzen
Jessie Doherty
Jim Winegarner
Kyle Mielke
Stewart Nagel

MOA Staff Present

Jamie Acton
Nicholas Abugel

PTAB Members Absent

CB Brady
Peter Hill

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the March 14, 2023, agenda.

Mr. Michael J. Williams seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the public involvement announcement.

Action/Information Items

1. Minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting (Action Item)

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2023.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

2. Director's Update (Information Item)

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

3. Operations Update (Information Item)

Information provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

4. Ridership Update (Information Item)

Information was provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel and Ms. Jamie Acton.

5. Transit Center Study Update (Information Item)

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

6. Transit Appreciation Resolution (Information Item)

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

7. Transit Employee Appreciation Letter (Action Item)

The motion was passed unanimously, by the present PTAB members.

8. PTAB Meeting Location (Information Item)

The Item was discussed, and a motion to table was made by Michael Williams.

Mr. Doug Miller Seconded.

There were no objections.

9. 2024 PTAB Core Purpose, Values, and 2024-2025 Priorities

The item was discussed, and a motion to approve as amended was made by Mr. Michael Williams.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded the motion.

There were no objections.

10. PTAB Procedural Rules and Order of Business

The Item was discussed, and a motion to table was made by Michael Williams.

Mr. Doug Miller Seconded.

There were no objections.

Public Comments

Bryce introduced himself as a newcomer to the PTAB meetings, he expressed that he was frustrated with items being postponed from today's meeting. He believes more data-driven decision-making is needed. He supports M-Ticket.

Member Comments

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey said that he was excited to work with the board on some new projects.

Mr. Doug Miller discussed route 85 service changes, noting both improvements and areas needing better explanation. He supports using data for transit decisions and wants to understand the logic behind changes. He emphasizes that the PTAB offers data-driven insights, not micromanagement. Doug also highlighted a report omission about disability representation and questioned the process for giving feedback on reports when meetings are canceled.

Mr. Michael J. Williams said that he was concerned about the Transit Center being closed for 2 ½ years.

Mr. Michael Williams said that he wasn't surprised that in the reduction in ridership from the snow events in the last month. He also congratulated Mr. Lackey on his appointment.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt said that she was excited about expanding protections for transit workers and congratulated the bus operator of the year.

Adjournment

Mr. Michael J. Williams moved to adjourn the PTAB meeting of March 14, 2023 at 7:04 PM.

Mr. Michael Williams seconded.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on April 11, 2024, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel
Transit Planning Technician

For details of the board's discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting on the municipal website at <http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx7>