

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)
Municipality of Anchorage
Minutes for Meeting of March 12, 2026
Held at Loussac Library, 2nd floor Moose Rm, and MS Teams (hybrid meeting)
FINAL

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1. Call to Order

Board Chair Kyle Mielke called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

The following members of the public were present for at least part of the meeting:

- Charlie Rogge (in-person)
- Jess Doherty, SOA DOH (online)
- Melody Russo (in-person)
- Terrence White (on-line)

The following Public Transportation Department or affiliated staff were present:

- Isabella Zamarron, Planning and Marketing Manager
- Stephen Stone, Senior Planner
- Maria Owens, Community Outreach Coordinator
- Michael Coffey, Senior Planning Technician
- Cecelia Sanchez, AnchorRides Administrative Officer
- Sandra McMahon, Travel Trainer
- Stewart Nagel, Fleet Maintenance Manager MV [AnchorRides]*

2. Roll Call

The Board roll call:

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| 1) Chair: | Kyle Mielke | present |
| 2) Vice Chair: | Bridget Jochum | present/online |
| 3) Member: | Doug Miller | present/online |
| 4) Member: | Sarah Preskitt | present |
| 5) Member: | CB Brady | present |
| 6) Member: | Michael T. Williams | present |
| 7) Member: | Issa Spatrisano | present/online |
| 8) Member: | --- | <i>vacant</i> |
| 9) Member: | --- | <i>vacant</i> |

From the roll call, a quorum was declared.

3. Public Involvement Announcement

Kyle Mielke read the previously distributed Public Involvement Announcement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The current agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of the Minutes

February 12, 2026 Meeting: The draft minutes were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Sarah Preskitt.

Clerical note: there are no minutes to approve for January, meeting was cancelled.

**Also, a factual error was discovered in previous minutes regarding an attendee, Stewart Nagel, who was noted as an "AnchorRides driver". Correction: he is a contractor [MV] in the AnchorRides division as the Fleet Maintenance Manager.*

6. Public Comments

- i. Written comments: none
- ii. In-person [and on-line] comments: none; *see comments at the end*

7. Action / Information Items

a. Reports, Updates, and Presentations

- i. Department Report/Updates: Planning Manager Isabella Zamarron.
 - There are three (3) board member candidates in processing, awaiting assembly review and approval, hopefully during next session.
 - Fur Rondy partnership highlights include pin campaign, new Rondy Royal Ride success, and participation in the annual Rondy Parade.
 - Transit Employee Appreciation Day is March 18th. Board members are invited to participate or stop by HQ between noon and 4pm, for the department's BBQ event and employee celebration. Voluntary, unofficial.
 - The driver of the year will be announced during the appreciation event.
 - Upcoming department community engagement events include Kid's Day at the Alaska Zoo (4/18), Anchorage Transportation Fair at the Alaska Airlines Center (4/22), ASD/ACT Secondary Education Transitioning Expo (4/25). The department continues to host Travel Trainings at various locations and libraries. More information on upcoming events can be found online.
 - Ridership continues to trend up; *see dashboard for more information.*
 - The department will reserve reporting on new data regarding the recently updated "Seniors Ride Free" program which added Fridays, to allow for accurate data collecting and comparison analysis.

- ii. TOTM Presentation/Update: Senior Transit Planner Stephen Stone.
 - Presented Phase 3 information on the public comment period now open for TOTM, which is to encourage participants to take the final survey prioritizing the projects that have been presented over the previous year.
- iii. 2025 System Report Card presentation: Planning Manager Isabella Zamarron.
 - This document can be found on the department website in pdf form.

Clerical note: Member Issa S. had a question regarding the UPass program, [how are the fees determined for UPass partners?] to which Isabella Z. and Maria O. responded.

b. New Business

- i. Doug Miller resignation: is effective March 14, 2026
- ii. Nomination for new secretary: is postponed indefinitely.

Clerical note: The chair explained that future roles within the board could be decided, to include the annual officer nominations coming up in May of this year.

c. Continued Business

NA

8. Member Comments

All Board members present made comments including shared appreciation for Dug's contributions to the board over the past several years. Doug Miller's final acts as secretary will be to send supporting documents to staff for meeting minutes and other actionable duties. The board will update Rules in Procedures accordingly.

Additional public comment opportunity:

Melody Russo: Thank you for adding a senior's ride free day. Please consider improving transfers so buses can meet or wait for riders between connecting routes like the 30.

Charlie Rogge: Interested in serving on PTAB, daily rider, [perspective board member].

9. Adjournment

CB Brady motion, meeting adjourned at 6:51.