

Board of Directors – Remote Meeting
January 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

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Board Members Present:

Belinda Ray – President
Hope Cahan - Vice President
Paul Bradbury – Treasurer
John Thompson - Secretary
Mike Foley
Jeff Levine
Nat Tupper
Ed Suslovic
Merrill Barter
Ryan Leighton
Ashley Rand
Pious Ali
Bill Rixon

Staff and Others Present:

Greg Jordan
Glenn Fenton
Danielle Nemeth
Denise Beck
Lauren Shaw
Zoe Miller, GPCOG
Chris Chop, GPCOG
Rick Harbison, GPCOG

Public: None

Board Members Absent:

1. **With a quorum in place, the meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Belinda Ray, Board President.**

2. **Public comment:**

No members of the public were present.

3. **Meeting Minutes**

Mike Foley moved, seconded by Hope Cahan, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors as written. A roll call vote was taken by Belinda Ray, President. With approval by Mike Foley, John Thompson, Paul Bradbury, Ashley Rand, Merrill Barter, Ed Suslovic, Hope Cahan, Ryan Leighton, Jeff Levine, Pious Ali, and Belinda Ray **the motion passed unanimously by all those present.**

4. **Executive Director’s Report**

- Welcome:
 - Ashley Rand - new Board member from Westbrook
 - Pious Ali – returning Board member from Portland.
 - Danielle Nemeth - Metro’s new Human Resources Director.
- Pandemic Operations Update – 1 new case in January, now recovered.
- Ridership – slightly lower in December than November.
- Portland Peninsula Service Redesign – continuing public feedback period through February.

5. **Recognition of Outgoing Board President Belinda Ray**

Belinda was thanked and recognized for her outstanding work and contributions during her two years as Board President. An image of the plaque that will be presented to Belinda was shared.

6. **Election of Board Officers**

A motion was made by Jeff Levine, and seconded by Belinda Ray, pursuant to Metro's By-Laws, proposing the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 calendar years:

- Hope Cahan, President
- Mike Foley, Vice President
- Paul Bradbury, Treasurer
- Nat Tupper, Secretary

A roll call vote was taken by Belinda Ray, President. With approval by Mike Foley, John Thompson, Paul Bradbury, Ashley Rand, Merrill Barter, Ed Suslovic, Hope Cahan, Ryan Leighton, Jeff Levine, Pious Ali, Nat Tupper, and Belinda Ray **the motion passed unanimously by all those present.**

Belinda Ray turned over chair of the meeting to newly elected president, Hope Cahan.

7. **Amendment to Pass Program with USM**

Greg Jordan reviewed the background of the base agreement and what has driven this amendment.

John Thompson moved, seconded by Mike Foley, to approve the Amendment to the Pass Program Agreement with USM as presented. A roll call vote was taken by Hope Cahan, President. With approval by John Thompson, Nat Tupper, Ed Suslovic, Mike Foley, Paul Bradbury, Pious Ali, Ryan Leighton, Ashley Rand, Jeff Levine, Merrill Barter, Belinda Ray, and Hope Cahan, **the motion passed unanimously by all those present.**

8. **PACTS Transit Tomorrow Final Report**

Greg gave a brief background of Transit Tomorrow, an 18-month process. GPCOG staff Chris Chop, Zoe Miller, and Rick Harbison were in attendance to present the report, which was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. They are currently in a 3-week comment period. GPCOG will request approval for this plan from their governing board at PACTS in March, followed by a press release/public event.

Additional items covered during the presentation:

- GPCOG now has the funding to do an alternatives analysis based on recommendations for corridors to improve rapid transit.
- Transit Tomorrow has a 30-year time horizon.
- Destination 2040 (long-range transportation plan) covers priority centers and corridors and was included in the presentation to inform municipalities in the region about the plan, which will be updated as it is revisited.
- "Frequent" routes are considered those 20-minutes or less (every route in the 2050 Transit Tomorrow plan is considered frequent). Plan and survey are available on GPCOG's website. Hope to have final plan ready by the end of February.

Nat Tupper disclosed that he is an officer at GPCOG, which is not a conflict of interest. Jeff Levine has been working with GPCOG on the land-use analysis. Greg will look into whether this is a conflict of interest.

Since Brunswick is not technically included in the PACTS or GPCOG regions, Hope and Greg have been discussing holding meetings to include regional agencies to build up the relationship between them, which would help better advance regional initiatives. Also, to this end, GPCOG is meeting with the various transit agency boards, all of which were invited to be part of the Transit Advisory Committee. Having the support of all involved municipalities would be great, but not having it will not prevent the project from moving forward.

Transit Together is a 12-18-month study to envision how the region could be best served if the transit system were to be built from scratch. CARES Act funding is allowing Transit Together and the system corridor analysis to happen.

9. Future Agenda Items:

- Organizational Development (Under review by Exec. Comm.)
- Confronting Racism (Under review by Exec. Comm.)
- **add Transit Tomorrow Final Report (March, 2021)**

10. Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee – February 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. – likely to be canceled
- Executive Committee – February 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
- Ridership Committee – February 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- Board of Directors – February 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Committee assignments will be sent out by Hope in the next week or so.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Paul Bradbury, seconded by Belinda Ray, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken by Hope Cahan, President. With approval by John Thompson, Nat Tupper, Ed Suslovic, Paul Bradbury, Pious Ali, Ryan Leighton, Jeff Levine, Merrill Barter, Belinda Ray, and Hope Cahan, **the motion passed unanimously by all those present and the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.**