



**Greater Portland Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday: April 25, 2024:**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes:**

Member:	Municipality:	Role:	Status:
Ed Suslovic	Portland	President	Present
Hope Cahan	Falmouth	Vice President	Present
Paul Bradbury	Portland	Treasurer	Present
John Thompson	Westbrook	Secretary	Absent
Merrill Barter	Falmouth	Member	Absent
Ryan Leighton	Brunswick	Member	Present
Jeff Levine	Portland	Member	Present
Michael Shaughnessy	Westbrook	Member	Present
Pious Ali	Portland	Member	Absent
Julie Dubovsky	Yarmouth	Member	Present
Prosper Lohomboli	Westbrook	Member	Absent
Bill Rixon	Freeport	Member	Absent
Roberto Rodriguez	Portland	Member	Absent

Staff Present:	Identified Members of the Public:
Glenn Fenton – Chief Transportation Officer, Interim Executive Director	Bill Weber – Portland Climate Action Team
Shelly Brooks – Chief Financial Officer	Myles Smith – Mainers for Smarter Transportation
Debbie Fitzpatrick – Accounting Manager	Joe Thomas – President business agent ATU 17
Mike Tremblay – Director of Transit Development	Barbara Montgomery – Bus Operator
	Matt Gikas – Bus Operator
	Bill Feagans – Bus Operator
	Joe Thomas – Bus Operator
	John Cail – Bus Operator
	Ryan James – Bus Operator
	Michael Frager – Dispatcher/Supervisor
	Richard Price – Bus Operator

**I. With a Quorum in place, the meeting was called to order by: Ed Suslovic at: 4:10 pm**

**II. Public Comment:**

Joe Thomas President business agent for ASU 417, reaching out to board for contract negotiations. The members are feeling frustrated and are considering an informational picket, we are hoping that the Board would reconsider their union negotiations and show appreciation for our hard work and dedication.

Myles Smith – Resident of Portland – Mainers for Smarter Transportation, we are concerned about the Gorham Connector, due to a study to the MTA, it has been shown to be concerns about the expenses for a little benefit, four less minutes during the rush hour for billions of dollars of spending. They are reaching out to give us this information for us to be informed and will continue to support us, but keep up to date on this issue.

Bill Webber – Portland – Portland Climate Action Team – PCAT have expressed concern over the viability of the Gorham Connector, have offered an analysis of different methods for the same thing with a less environmental impact. This hasn't been done.

**III. Approval of March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

Hope Cahan made a motion to approve, Jeff Levine seconded. After a roll call of the members present, the minutes were unanimously approved with two abstain votes.

**IV. Executive Director's Report:**

Glenn Fenton leads the discussion into Item 4, Executive Directors Report. He updated the board on ridership recovery and the status of various projects and initiatives.

**V. Executive Director Search Update:**

Shelly Brooks leads item 5, Executive Director Search Update. The Executive Committee did have a discussion on the start of hiring a new Executive Director.

**VI. Metro 2023 Financial Audit:**

Shelly Brooks leads item 6. Metro 2023 Financial Audit. The takeaway is that there were no findings. Paul Bradbury makes a motion to accept the results of the audit, Hope Cahan seconds the motion. After a roll call vote, it's unanimously passed to accept the results of the Metro 2023 Financial Audit.

**VII. Update of Metro's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program:**

Glenn Fenton leads item 7, update on Metro's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. The drug and alcohol testing program needed to be updated and underwent a legal review, revised program was presented. Hope Cahan makes a motion to approve the update to Metro's Drug and Alcohol Testing program, Julie Dubovsky seconds. After a roll call vote, it's unanimously approved to accept the updates to Metro's drug and alcohol testing program.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items:**

- Agency Strategic Planning (Ongoing)
- Collective Bargaining Agreement Renewal
- PACTS Initiatives and Reforms (Ongoing)
- ADA Paratransit Service and Contract
- Executive Director Search Process

**IX. Upcoming Meetings:**

- Executive Committee – May 8, 2024 at 3:30 pm

- Ridership Committee – May 15, 2024 at 3:30 pm
- Board of Directors – May 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm

**X. Adjournment: Michael Moves, Hope seconds. Adjourned at 4:39 pm.**