

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Jan 20, 2023 | 3:00pm via Zoom

Attendees

Board Members: Deborah Dawson; Jennifer Dotson; Lisa Holmes; Ducson Nguyen; Frank Proto; Denise Thompson

Absent: Laura Lewis; Gary Stewart

TCAT Staff: Susan Brock; Taylor Hessler; Julie Ellis-Grove; Scot Vanderpool

Call to Order

Chair D. Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Action Items

The Special Board meeting was called to vote on TCAT's 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Starting with the Operating Budget, S. Vanderpool explained the only change that the Board hadn't already known, was the Underwriter contribution changing from 8% to 5%. J. Ellis-Grove explained that the TCAT projected expenditures did not change, so the difference in underwriter contribution will now come from other federal or NYS funding sources.

D. Dawson made the motion to move **Resolution 2023-xx Adopt the TCAT Operating Budget**, and L. Holmes seconded the motion. The Board members present voted to approve the resolution with a vote of 6-0-0.

D. Dawson then brought up a procedural question that under the Bylaws, in order to pass a budget for TCAT, the vote needs to include two Board members who were recommended by each of the underwriters, and pointed out that only one Cornell-recommended Board member is present, D. Thompson. B. Brady has already stepped down from the Board, and the other remaining Cornell-recommended member is G. Stewart. D. Thompson tried to contact him to join the meeting but did not get a response. In the interest of time, the Board moved into an executive session at 3:18pm, to discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations, while waiting for a possible response from G. Stewart (moved by L. Holmes, seconded by F. Proto, vote 6-0-0). J. Dotson leaves the meeting during the Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:46pm. G. Stewart was still not able to be reached, so the votes to adopt the TCAT Capital Budget and the Operating Budget resolutions are moved to the regular January meeting.

D. Dawson proposed to the Board members present that they should make a public gesture to accept the 'Fare Free Report' that was investigated and written by the 2022 TCAT Planning Committee. She thinks it will go a long way towards addressing the constant questions and proposals that are coming from the public. The report was accepted by the Planning Committee, but D. Dawson wants it to be a Board-wide approval. D. Thompson directs TCAT to have the approval added to the January 26 agenda.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be January 26, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 3:53pm, motion by L. Holmes, seconded by D. Dawson.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Taylor Hessler, Recording Secretary, October 26, 2023.