



## MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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March 11, 2020

Present: Commissioners Present: Joseph Kubic  
Andrea Kovacs

Commissioners Dialed In: Mike Mears  
Ginnie Preuss  
Sharon McNeal  
Jennifer Sheldon

Staff: Doug Holcomb  
Tom Gorman  
Adrienne Belanger  
Steven DeMichele  
Bernie Bausch

Absent: Andrew Ifill  
Mark Anastasi  
Mitch Fuchs

Public: Kathy White

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Mike Mears (“Mears”) asked Commissioner Joseph Kubic (“Kubic”) to call the meeting to order since he was not physically present. Commissioner Kubic called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was not present.

### II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Comment - There was one member of the public present.

a. Kathy White (“White”), a Bridgeport Resident who is a frequent attendee to the GBT Board Meetings, made the following statements and asked the following questions:

1. White suggested that GBT educate people on how to use their mobile phones to access bus route information. Doug Holcomb

("Holcomb"), CEO/General Manager at Greater Bridgeport Transit ("GBT") suggested that GBT host a table at the Main Bus Terminal to address White's suggestion as well as guide riders through navigation of the new GBT Website.

2. White mentioned a detour on the Route #3 at St. John Street and the bus driver's response to the uncertainty of direction. As mentioned at earlier meetings, GBT Staff communicates any and all detours it is made aware of ahead of time and will continue to do so at the best of their ability.
3. White inquired about replacing a bus shelter at the location of the retailer, Price Rite, on Main Street. It was explained that the owner of this property will not allow GBT to advertise on the bus shelter. GBT is trying to determine an alternate way to maintain a bus shelter in this area before it can be replaced.
4. White asked about the duration of time an advertisement can stay on buses. Holcomb explained that they can stay on anywhere from one month to one year, depending on the advertiser's agreement.
5. White inquired about the range of the Electric Buses. Holcomb explained that the range, recharging infrastructure, travel distance, etc. have all been considered during the planning phase of the project.

Commissioner Andrea Kovacs ("Kovacs") arrived. The time was 6:46 p.m.

Commissioner Sharon McNeal ("McNeal") dialed in. The time was 6:49 p.m.

2. Representatives of Area Organizations – There were no representatives of area organizations present.

3. Employee Comments – There were no employee comments.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Regular Public Meeting – There was a brief discussion to move the Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Regular Public Meeting to the next full meeting of the GBT Board of Commissioners.



#### IV. REPORTS

1. Chairman Report – Chairman Mears had no report.
2. Chief Financial Officer – Adrienne Belanger (“Belanger”), Chief Financial Officer at GBT, presented the January 2020 Financials. There was brief discussion around the deficit in Fixed Route and Paratransit.
3. Chief Executive Officer – Holcomb addressed the actions taken by GBT Staff, to-date, to prepare for the Corona Virus Pandemic – specifically, the sanitization of the facilities and buses, fueling, internal and external communications. For more information, visit [www.gogbt.com/prevention](http://www.gogbt.com/prevention). It is noteworthy that GBT Staff has been monitoring Kings County Area Public Transit Agency’s approach to responding to the pandemic.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business discussed.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business discussed.

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. **A Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kovacs, seconded by Chairman Mears. The motion passed unanimously. Time 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Michaels  
Clerk of the Board, March 20, 2020

