

**HERNANDO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTION DISADVANTAGED  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
Minutes of the February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting**

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a public meeting on February 13, 2019, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman  
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency  
Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled  
Penelope Barnard, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration  
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Denise Clark, Public Education Community  
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community  
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board  
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services  
Benita Dixon, Private for Profit Transportation  
Tony Graham, Hernando County Veterans Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit  
Dave Newell, Florida Department of Transportation

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III  
Colleen Conko, Administrative Assistant II  
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Allocco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was declared.

Mr. Eberle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TDLCB members and staff introduced themselves.

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

***Election of 2019 Vice-Chairman***

Chairman Allocco opened nominations for the TDLCB Vice-Chairperson.

Ms. Winters volunteered to serve as Vice-Chairperson to the Hernando County TDLCB.

No further nominations were made.

***Motion:*** *Ms. Dixon moved to approve Ms. Winters as Vice-Chairperson to the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB). Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

***Committee Membership Appointments/Reappointments***

Ms. Rieess reported the current members of the Policy and Procedures Committee and the Grievance Committee members.

It was noted that the current committee members were all in agreement to be reappointed on the Policy and Procedures Committee and Grievance Committee.

***Motion:*** *Ms. Kurtz moved to approve the reappointment of the Policy and Procedures Committee and the Grievance Committee members as presented. Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA:**

***Motion:*** *Ms. Winters moved to approve the February 13, 2019, TDLCB Meeting Agenda as presented. Mr. Bargerstock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2018:**

***Motion:*** *Mr. Graham moved to approve the November 14, 2018, TDLCB Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Winters seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### ***CTD Business Meeting Agenda***

Ms. Riecss provided the TDLCB with an overview of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) December 20, 2018, Business Meeting Agenda.

### ***CTD 2018 Annual Performance Report – Highlights***

Ms. Riecss reported that at the CTD submitted their annual performance report for the State that included the potential transportation disadvantaged population and statistics from the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) and State.

### ***Committee Vacancies***

Ms. Riecss introduced Ms. Elizabeth Watson as the new Persons with Disabilities Agency representative. She reported the following existing TDLCB vacancies:

- Florida Association for Community Action
- Hernando County, Public Transit User
- Local Representative Children at Risk
- Florida Department of Elderly Affairs

Ms. Riecss stated that an application has been received for the Hernando County Transit User position.

It was noted that board/committee applications are available on the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) website.

### ***Presentation/Update – Denise Clark – (Public Education Community)***

Ms. Clark provided the TDLCB with an overview of what the Hernando County school transportation system provides for the transportation disadvantaged during emergency evacuations. She noted that during evacuations, the school district works with the Emergency Operations Center to help with the transportation of individuals with special needs. Ms. Clark reported that the school transportation system is able to utilize all of school buses and that ten to twelve of the buses are equipped with wheelchairs.

Ms. Clark reported that volunteers for emergency evacuations and shelters must take the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for certification. She noted that volunteers are then given a certificate from FEMA.

Ms. Clark stated that there are students in the Hernando County school system with special needs. She noted that the students are transported by bus into the community in order to go shopping and/or do needed daily activities. Ms. Clark stated that these students will require transportation disadvantaged services in the future.

Mr. Diez noted that Trans Hernando has services available during emergency evacuations to help transport the disadvantaged to shelters.

Mr. Diez asked for a volunteer to speak at the May TDLCB meeting about how their agency provides services to the transportation disadvantaged. It was noted that Ms. Winters volunteered.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS:**

It was noted that Mr. Graham had no agency update to report. He introduced Ms. Holly Ferguson who will serve as the alternate at TDLCB meetings when he is unable to attend.

Chairman Allocco asked Mr. Graham about the type of services Veterans Affairs provides the transportation disadvantaged. Mr. Graham responded that the service has shuttle vans that transport veterans to and from the James A. Haley Veteran's Medical Center located in Tampa.

### **TRANS HERNANDO:**

Ms. Maldonado reported that Joel Mendez will now be the Route Supervisor for Trans Hernando and that she will Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC).

### **PLANNING AGENCY:**

Mr. Diez reported that the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) will be provided at the next TDLCB meeting for review and approval. He noted that the TDSP includes the policies and procedures for how services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged in Hernando County. Mr. Diez stated that this plan is the guide for CTC's throughout the state.

It was noted that Ms. Barnard arrived at the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding state legislation and health care plans for the transportation disadvantaged.

Chairman Allocco asked Mr. Diez and Ms. Riecss to report back to him regarding any needs/issues of the TDLCB and/or other boards.

Ms. Riecss reported that there was a recent issue regarding an agency that does not have enough staff to attend TDLCB meetings. She noted that agencies may only be represented by agency employees.

***FY 2020 – FY 2029 Hernando County Transit Development Plan (TDP) Update***

Mr. Diez reported that the Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a plan for the transit system, TheBus (Hernando County). He noted that the plan is administered through the Planning Department and Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Mr. Diez stated that the MPO helps coordinate the ten-year TDP. He noted that Hernando County's TDP is being updated this year, and Citrus County will update their plan next year, 2020.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

It was noted that at this time there was no citizen input.

**ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:**

It was announced that the next TDLCB Annual Public Hearing and the next TDLCB Regular Meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and 10:15 a.m., respectively, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

**The Meeting Minutes from the February 13, 2019 TDLCB Meeting are anticipated to be approved on May 22, 2019.**

***The minutes were approved on May 22, 2019. A signed version of the minutes is available in the MPO records.***

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John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman

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