

**HERNANDO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held their annual public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman  
Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled  
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit  
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community  
Penelope Barnard, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration  
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board  
Tony Graham, Hernando County Veterans Services  
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency  
Benita Dixon, Private for Profit Transportation  
Gretchen Samter, Hernando County Public Transit User

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Denise Clark, Public Education Community  
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Carlene Riecass, Transportation Planner  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner  
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Miranda Maldonado lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of Publication of the Notice of Public Hearing was entered into the record by Ms. Riecss.

**B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve as presented made by Kathleen Winters  
Seconded by Tony Graham

The Motion carried unanimously

**C. PUBLIC HEARING – Receive Public Input on Transportation Disadvantaged Services**

Chairman Allocco opened the hearing to public comment. Seeing there were no members of the public, the meeting was closed, and the discussion was opened to the Board.

Ms. Samter indicated there are Transportation Disadvantaged High School Students who have difficulty getting to after school programs if both parents work. She indicated Weeki Wachee High School in particular, Ms. Samter asked if a shuttle could be made available from the school to take students to a designated pick up area.

Mr. DeGeorge stated TheBus is limited by distance requirements to provide service to the schools. He suggested bike racks be placed at the schools. Chairman Allocco asked Mr. DeGeorge how many students use TheBus. He responded he thought approximately 25% were high school students and 65% college students. He indicated he would check to find the study data to confirm.

Mr. Diez indicated that high school students may utilize the TD program if they qualify.

Chairman Allocco thought that the idea of the School System working with Transit to provide a drop off location for students should be pursued.

Mr. Diez suggested a business like Walmart may be willing to contribute to the purchase of a van to provide a shuttle service from schools to a central pick up location.

There was no more Board discussion at this time.

**D. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Chairman Allocco Adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.**



John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman