

**HERNANDO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Hernando County Building Division Training Facility,  
1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida.

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a public meeting on November 13, 2019, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman  
Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled  
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Ian Martin, AHCA  
Dave Newell, FDOT  
Joe DE George, Hernando County Transit  
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community  
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board  
Tony Graham, Hernando County Veterans Services  
Benita Dixon, Private For-Profit Transportation  
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency  
Gretchen Samter, Public Transit User  
Denise Clark, Public Education Community

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Carlene Riecse, Transportation Planner  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner  
Alaina Kidd, Administrative Assistant  
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando

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

Note: Mr. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance

**B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA** (Limited to Board and Staff comment only.)

**MOTIONED:** Kathleen Winters  
**SECONDED:** Kevin Bargerstock

**Motion:** Ms. Kathleen Winters moved to approve the November 13, 2019 TDLCB meeting agenda as presented, Kevin Bargerstock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

**MOTIONED:** Kathleen Winters  
**SECONDED:** Tony Graham

**Motion:** Kathleen Winters moved to approve the February 13, 2019, TDLCB Meeting seconded by Tony Graham and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS – Carlene Riecse, Transportation Planner III**

1. Annual Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Workshop Highlights

Ms. Riecse advised there is a proposal to combine the Transportation Disadvantaged Plan (TDSP) with the Transit Development Plan (TDP). This could present an issue to Hernando County because the two plans involve different providers. She reported that similar concerns were mentioned during the conference. Ms. Riecse indicated she also attended a workshop regarding ADA compliance for website accessibility. This issue is presenting challenges at the local level, as well as the state. Chairman Allocco remarked that he spoke with the Attorney General while at a conference in Washington, D.C. and there may be opportunities to urge the Federal Government to provide more guidance regarding ADA compliance.

2. Committee Vacancies

It was noted that the TDLCB has the following vacancies:

- Florida Association for Community Action
- Florida Department of Elderly Affairs
- Local Representative Children at Risk

Ms. Riecse noted that MPO staff received many calls regarding committee vacancies due to a newspaper article published in the Citrus County Chronicle. She advised she did contact the Department of Elderly Affairs. Chairman Allocco requested staff to contact Janine Kell with the Children's Advocacy Center.

**E. PRESENTATION- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA)-  
Brandon Nuby**

Mr. Nuby introduced himself as the new account executive with TBARTA for Hernando, Pasco and Citrus Counties. He reviewed the options for transit, carpool, rideshare matching program, and vanpool. He indicated we Hernando County has a need to get students to and from school/after school activities, and home. Chairman Allocco recommended coordination with the School Board. He further advised that there is a joint meeting with the School Board on December 18, 2019, and it may be beneficial for him to attend.

**F. VETERANS AFFAIRS –Tony Graham (Verbal report)**

Chairman Allocco requested an update from Veterans Affairs. Mr. Graham stated they have a free service for Veterans to get to James Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa. They are also working on providing transportation to Pasco County. Chairman Allocco asked about the usage on a monthly basis. Mr. Graham indicated they provide an average of 130 rides. He remarked it may be higher at this time of year because of the snowbirds. Mr. Graham stated he would like to provide more services to Veterans such as home pick-up, or from designated pick-up stations. Chairman Allocco asked about a pick-up station in Spring Hill due to the population density. Mr. Graham stated there was one at the 7-11 on Forest Oaks Boulevard, but the ridership was low.

**G. TRANS HERNANDO – Miranda Maldonado (Verbal Report)**

Ms. Maldonado advised that Trans Hernando received their Innovation Services and Development Grant which will provide funding in place of the Mobility Enhancement Grant. She further explained they were able to expand the Veterans Dollar Program, and employment education with the Mobility Enhancement Grant, and the Innovation Services Grant will allow them to continue to make these services available. In response to Chairman Allocco's question, Ms. Maldonado explained that they provide dollar rides to Veterans with appropriate status identification.

**H. AGENCY UPDATES – Miranda Maldonado**

Ms. Maldonado provided an overview of the services that Trans Hernando provides as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for the county. She recapped the dollar service program and advised that they also provide door to door service. They schedule appointments the day before the ride is needed and a manifest/route is created for the drivers. They also provide ambulatory and wheelchair transportation with a focus on medical trips. Trips for entertainment purposes can be accommodated depending on funding. She discussed ride fares and requirements. In response to Chairman Allocco, Ms. Maldonado indicated that the federal poverty guidelines are part of the criteria.

**I. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments at this time.

**J. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allocco adjourned the TDLCB meeting.

It was noted that presentations will be given by Kevin Bargerstock and Gretchen Samter at the next meeting in February 2020.

The calendar for the FY 2020 meetings has not been finalized at this time. Upon approval, staff will provide to the members. Meetings will continue to be held at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL.



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John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman