

**HERNANDO COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

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

**MINUTES**

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a public meeting on February 19, 2020, at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman  
Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled  
Dave Newell, FDOT  
Joe DeGeorge, 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  
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Ian Martin, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director  
Carlene Riecse, Transportation Planner III  
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II  
Alaina Kidd Administrative Assistant III  
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando  
Tracy Noyes, FDOT  
Emily Hughart, ACHA  
David Philipsen, Citizen

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mr. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Riecss read the notice of publication into the record.

## **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **Election of Vice Chairman**

**Motion:** Denise Clark motioned for Kathleen Winters to remain as Vice Chairman.  
Kathleen Winters seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

**Motion:** Gretchen Samter moved to approve the agenda. Kathleen Winters seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 12, 2019**

**Motion:** Dave Newell made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony Graham seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 1. TD Program Overview

Mr. Diez presented a power point presentation giving a brief overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. The presentation addressed funding, service eligibility, (at risk children, elderly, low income, persons with disabilities), the responsibilities of the Board and the consequences for not attending meetings. The membership of the LCB established by statute was reviewed, as well as attendance, quorums, failure to attend, etc.

Mr. Allocco asked Mr. Diez to summarize the importance of the presentation.

Mr. Diez responded the MPO acts as the staff to the LCB, appointing and approving memberships, overseeing the direction of this committee. This committee is considered advisory by the State of Florida. The role is to interact with the planning agency and transportation agencies.

Mr. Allocco advised the responsibility of the Board is to interact with one another and their county officials.

The Board had a brief discussion then Mr. Allocco asked the public for comment.

Mr. David Philipsen inquired about TheBus and Trans Hernando. He asked why the bus does not accept credit card payments for paratransit tickets. Mr. Philipsen also commented that on February 11, paratransit was running late, and he was never picked up. He also stated there is no information about the connector service on the fixed route.

Mr. DeGeorge indicated that currently TheBus has no way of taking credit card payments, but they are working on it. He also stated he would investigate Mr. Philipsen's concern from February 11, 2020. He indicated he was not aware of the situation described.

Mr. Philipsen said he would like to see brochures for Trans Hernando services in their vans, and libraries. He would also like to be able to leave a message instead of waiting to a person. Lastly, he would like their literature to be up to date with the latest pick up time.

In response Mr. Diez advised the literature is being updated. Ms. Maldonado addressed the last pick up explaining that it depends on where you live and where you are going, and it cans on a case to case basis.

Ms. Kurtz advised people regarding the Medicare Advantage Program, many of the plans offer free transportation.

Mr. Allocco wants the Board to discuss this issue at our last meeting of the year during the open enrollment period for Medicare. We can reach out to the different providers and encourage them to mention the transportation plans to clients as they are signing up. He also suggested that we could possibly invite the local advantage plans to the September meeting.

## 2. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, (CTD) Business Meeting

Ms. Diez briefly reviewed the CTD meeting. The formula used to distribute funds from the Trip and Equipment Grant within the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust fund was a formula established in 1999-2000. The Commission implemented changes in FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 but the changes were not included in the appropriation which negatively impacted several counties. On November 25, 2019 the commission voted to restore funding to the counties that experienced a decrease, including Hernando and Citrus counties.

## ACTION ITEM

### 1. Annual Bylaw Update

Mr. Diez indicated that the TDLCB Bylaws must be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Motion:** Kathleen Winters made a motion to approve the Bylaws. Denise Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**TRANS HERNANDO** – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado provided her quarterly report to the Commission. She asked if members had questions, there were none.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS** --Tony Graham (Verbal report)

Mr. Graham informed the Commission that Veteran Services is currently assessing obtaining a new van to take Veterans to James Hayley in Tampa. This is a result of issues they are having with the current rides provided by James Hayley that are causing cancellations and other issues. He advised they are currently working with the Assistant County Administrator.

The Commission members briefly discussed other ride options.

**MEMBER/AGENCY UPDATES** – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado discussed the Veteran Fare program.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

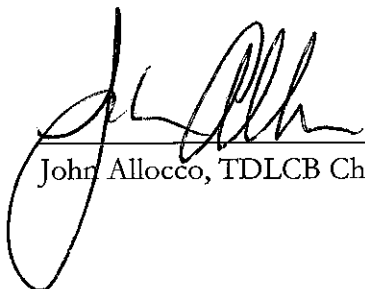
There were no additional citizen comments at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

May presentations will be given by Kevin Bargerstock and Robert Bradburn.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allocco adjourned the TDLCB meeting at 11:31 am.

The Annual public workshop and regular meeting of the TDLCB will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Dr, Brooksville, FL.



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John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman