

**HERNANDO COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP/HEARING
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held their annual public workshop/hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was also available to members and the public via ZOOM Webinar. The Public Workshop/Hearing was advertised in the St. Petersburg Times and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM

Gretchen Samter, Public Transit User
Emily Hughart, ACHA
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board
Holly Ferguson, Hernando County Veterans Services
Benita Dixon, Private For-Profit Transportation
Tracy Noyes, FDOT
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency
Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verene Kurtz, Hernando County Resident, Disabled
Denise Clark, Public Education Community
Robert Bradburn, Florida Department of Children & Family Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director
Carlene Riecsc, Transportation Planner III
Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Alaina Kidd Administrative Assistant III
Miranda Maldonado, Trans Hernando Via Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Allocco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Kevin Bargerstock led the pledge.

The members introduced themselves and a quorum was declared. Ms. Riecss read the notices of advertisement into the record, the first notice was for the annual public hearing at 10:00 a.m., the second for the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m.

B. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Gretchen Samter made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020, public meeting agenda. Kathleen Winters seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

Mr. Diez indicated that since this was the final meeting for 2019/2020, it was the appropriate time to discuss the goals of the TDLCB for next year. He summarized the goals from the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) as follows:

1. Connect paratransit to fixed service
2. Ensure services are provided in the most cost effective and efficient manner
3. Ensure compliance with State and Federal Guidelines
4. Data to ensure program accountability and stability
5. Implement Marketing strategies regarding service

Commissioner Allocco addressed the goals one at a time giving Board members the opportunity to discuss.

Ms. Maldonado clarified that there is a charge to connect paratransit to fixed service. Joe DeGeorge indicated TheBus promotes the connection from paratransit to fixed service.

Commissioner Allocco also suggested that we contact radio stations regarding marketing Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) services.

Commissioner Allocco asked whether there were any citizen emails. Ms. Riecss responded there were none.

Being no further comments, the workshop concluded at 10:14 a.m. It was announced the regularly scheduled TDLCB meeting would begin at 10:15 a.m.