

Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, in-person at the Hernando County Building Division Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman

Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Chris DeAnnuntis, TBARTA

Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit/TheBus

John Eberle, Regional Workforce Board

Holly Ferguson, Veterans Services

Emily Hughart, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Tracy Noyes, FDOT

Shanika Figueroa Rodriguez, Children-at-Risk

Gretchen Samter, Citizen, Hernando Public Transit User

Elizabeth Watson, Person with Disabilities Agency

Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Diez, Executive Director

Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II

Miranda Maldonado, Mid Florida Community Services

Carlene Riecscs, Transportation Planner III

Terri Saenz, Administrative Assistant III

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Allocco called the regular meeting of the TDLCB to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Notice of meeting publication was read into the record by Ms. Dagenhart.
- Declaration of Quorum

B. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA – (LIMITED TO BOARD/STAFF COMMENT ONLY)

Motion: Ms. Winters made a motion to approve agenda with no modifications. Mr. DeGeorge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 19, 2021

1. Regular Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

Motion: Ms. Samter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with no modifications. Ms. Figueroa Rodriguez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Annual Public Workshop Minutes May 19, 2021

Motion: Ms. Winters made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with no modifications. Ms. Figueroa Rodriguez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD)

The agenda for the CTD's June 3, 2021, business meeting was attached to the packet with a link to the full agenda.

2. Innovation and Service Grant Update (ISG)

Mr. Diez stated that the CTD previously provided funding from around the state and M-CORES funding was part of that grant. Senate Bill 100 repealed M-CORES and believed the money would stay in place for service grants, however that money went away along with the M-CORES. UZURV relied on that funding and can no longer provide the service and the impacts to Trans Hernando. He asked Ms. Maldonado to comment whether it hurt them.

Ms. Maldonado said they are able to transport as normal for at least a couple more years financially however if there is no replacement in funding, they may have to cut programs. The ISG covered their Veteran's trips, dollar fares, trips to Tampa that they have in connection with the County. They extended hours into rural locations where in the past they only went to Ridge Manor, Istachatta 2-3 days a week. They will not be able to continue that without additional funding.

Ms. Samter stated she hates that the UZURV has been discontinued because now it will take her 3 hours to get to college along with other people.

3. Quarterly Report – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado stated they received a new transit vehicle and a new driver, and that Mid Florida is also unhappy that the funding for several of the Transportation Disadvantaged programs was dissolved with the repeal of MCORES.

4. Annual CTD Workshop

Mr. Diez stated the annual CTD business meeting is a requirement for staff to attend. It is in Dayton Beach on October 24 -- October 27, 2021, and Cayce, Carlene, and Ms. Maldonado plan to attend.

5. Agency Presentations

Ms. Dagenhart reported that Ms. Brunk was unable to attend today's meeting for her presentation but asked that her presentation be moved to a future meeting. Mr. DeGeorge gave an update regarding TheBus and that they will be launching the Flamingo Fares on September 7th where customers will go online to obtain a pass and can use with other transit lines, HART, PCPT, PSTA, SCAT along with TheBus. Discussion took place regarding the Flamingo Fares.

Chairman Allocco asked for volunteers for presentations at the next meeting. Ms. Noyes and Ms. Samter volunteered. As part of her presentation for the next meeting, Ms. Samter challenged the other board members to ride the bus for a while, see what it is like to work out the bus schedule and where you want to go and what the ride is like.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Actual Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Each year Planning Agencies are required to report actual expenditures of transportation disadvantaged funds to the Commission. These funds should include local and direct federal funds. The AER must be submitted to the CTD by September 15, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Samter made a motion to approve the AER and submit it to the CTD. Mr. DeGeorge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Grievance Committee

Motion: A motion was made to elect Ms. Kathleen Winters as the chair of the Grievance Committee, and Ms. Samter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The election of a Vice-Chair was tabled until the next meeting on November 17, 2021, so that MPO staff could investigate whether their alternate could serve as the vice-chair if the elected member is unavailable. There were also questions regarding the actual role of the Grievance Committee. The current members on the Grievance Committee are:

- Robert Bradburn – FL Department of Children and Families
- Kathleen Winters – Local Representative of the Medical Community
- Denise Clark- Public Education Community
- Ian Martin – Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

3. Transportation Disadvantaged Plan (TDSP) Amendment

This item required a roll call vote but was tabled until the next meeting. There were several questions as to what the historic ridership has been on the proposed holidays, how much of an impact it would make on the budget to fund drivers to work on the proposed holidays and if Mid Florida could staff transit on those days if the holidays are not approved by the TDLCB. Chairman Allocco posed the question: what happens if the TDLCB does not approve the requested change to the TDSP?

Both Ms. Maldonado and Ms. Riecss confirmed they would investigate and provide answers at the next meeting.

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting for general citizen comment. No citizens were present; the Chair closed the public comment period and moved to the meeting adjournment.

G. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chairman Allocco adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and reminded the board the next meeting would be on Wednesday November 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL