

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

Wednesday, February 09, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held a public meeting on February 09, 2022, in-person at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun and the agenda was available on the MPO Website.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Allocco, TDLCB Chairman
Cara Brunk, FL Dept of Elder Affairs
Denise Clark, Public Education Community
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Board
Holly Ferguson, Veterans Services
Shanika Figueroa Rodriguez, Children-at-Risk
Emily Hughart, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Tracy Noyes, FDOT
Gretchen Samter, Citizen Advocate, Public Transit User – Participating via Zoom
Elizabeth Watson, Persons with Disabilities Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Joe DeGeorge, Hernando County Transit/TheBus, Vice Chair
Benita Dixon, Private for Profit Transportation
David Knazur, Florida Department of Children & Family Services
Kathleen Winters, Local Representative Medical Community

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II
Bob Esposito, Executive Director Hernando/Citrus MPO
Carlene Riecss, Transportation Planner III
Chris Mundell, HCSB Transportation
David Philipsen, Hernando County resident

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Allocco called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Notice of Meeting publication was read into the record.
- A quorum was declared.

The Chairman called for a motion to allow Ms. Gretchen Samter to participate as a voting member via zoom due to being COVID positive.

Motion Ms. Denise Clark made the motion to allow Ms. Samter to participate as a voting member via Zoom. It was seconded by Ms. Shanika Figueroa Rodriguez. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion: A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Denise Clark and seconded by Mr. John Eberle. The motion passed unanimously.

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021

Motion: A motion to approve the draft minutes from November 17, 2021, with Ms. Denise Clark a correction of her name, was made by Ms. Denise Clark and seconded by Ms. Shanika Figueroa Rodrigues. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Member Conflict of Interest

Members are required to be informed of the conflict of interest statute yearly. Ms. Dagenhart read the synopsis below and directed the members to the Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, which outlines requirements relating to voting conflicts by the Board members, attachment in their packets.

No appointed public officer shall participate in any matter which would inure to the officer's special private gain or loss; which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained; or which he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the public officer, without first disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter.

Per the Statutes, the term "public officer" includes any person elected or appointed to hold office in any agency including any person serving on an advisory body.

2. Annual CTD Workshop Highlights

Ms. Dagenhart read the positions for the TDLCB that are currently vacant.

3. Quarterly Report – Miranda Maldonado

Ms. Maldonado provided a quarterly report from TransHernando, for the period from October 1, 2021, through December 2021.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. The Election of a Vice-Chair

Pursuant to the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Bylaws, the Board shall hold a meeting at the beginning of the calendar year for the purpose of electing a Vice-Chairman by a majority vote from the quorum present. The Chairman is appointed by the MPO Board. The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners has requested Commissioner John Allocco continue to serve as the TDLCB Chairman for 2022.

In the event of the Chair's absence, or at the direction of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair and conduct the meetings.

Motion: A motion to elect Mr. Joe DeGeorge as Vice-Chair of the Hernando TDLCB for the 2022 calendar year was made by Ms. Gretchen Samter and seconded by Mr. John Allocco. The motion passed unanimously.

2. By-laws Adoption

The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the TDLCB review and approve their bylaws on an annual basis. Staff presented the bylaws with changes that were explained. Upon discussion, the Board members wanted to add more people who would be notified when agency appointees had three (3) unexcused absences.

Motion: A motion to approve the bylaws with the proposed changes, and the request to add the following statement in Article III, Section 6: "If that voting member is an agency representative rather than a citizen member, the DOPA shall send written communication to the agency head, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Florida Senate President to report the three consecutive un-excused absences and request a recommendation for a replacement to be appointed by that agency" was made by Ms. Elizabeth Watson and seconded by Ms. Denise Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. David Philipsen was in attendance and commented that one of the receptionists with Mid Florida is hard to hear because her voice is very quiet. Ms. Maldonado let him know that she would look into this and try to find a solution. Mr. Philipsen raised a question as to why the new Flamingo cards did not link to the ADA service provision especially since it comes out of the same account (his) when paying for the ride. He also requested that the brochures for TheBus be updated, since they no longer allow "tokens" to be used as payment. Mr. DeGeorge was not in attendance to answer these questions, but staff replied that the questions would be passed along to him for a response. Chairman Allocco asked to be copied on the email asking the question and asked that Jeff Rogers also be included.

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

Ms. Cara Brunk provided the Board information about the Elder Affairs programs.

H. MPO STAFF COMMENTS/UPDATES

I. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Chair adjourned the meeting, noting that the annual public workshop and regular meeting of the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. respectively, at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL