



CITRUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 11, 2023

MINUTES

The Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) held its Annual Public Workshop at 10:00 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Citrus Chronicle newspaper and the agenda was available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Douglas, Vice Chair, Citizen Advocate – Transit User as Primary Means
Tracy Noyes, Florida Department of Transportation
David Knazur, Florida Department of Children and Family Services
Joanne Granger, Transit Services Director, Mass Transit Coordinator
Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Glorybee Perez, Florida Department of Health Care Administration
Walter “Bud” Osborne, Veteran Services Office Alternate
Jerry Flanders, Alternate, Regional Workforce Development Board
Katie Lucas, Local Medical Community Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruthie Davis Schlabach, Chair, Citrus County Commissioner
Elizabeth Watson, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative
Deirdre Barrett LaBelle, Local Representative for Children at Risk
Stephen Brown, Person with a Disability

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Erin Kluis Briggs, Citrus County Grants
Miles Saunders, Citrus County Communications

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and led the moment of silence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board and staff followed the moment of silence.
- A quorum was declared and the affidavit of publication was read into the record.

PUBLIC SERVICE DEMONSTRATION OF BOARDING AND OFFBOARDING BY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS ON A PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLE EQUIPPED FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Vice Chair Douglas, who is a wheelchair user, explained that the importance of the public service demonstration was for the Board to understand what is involved in receiving services on a public transportation vehicle equipped for persons with disabilities. Vice Chair Douglas also shared that Board member, David Knazur, would be participating in the demonstration as a wheelchair user and Tracy Noyes, another Board member, would demonstrate a person who is visually impaired. The meeting temporarily adjourned to the parking lot for the public service demonstration at 10:42 a.m.

The meeting returned to order at 11:12 a.m.

Vice Chair Douglas reiterated the benefits and importance for the Board to fully understand and comprehend how to assist persons with disabilities who utilize the public transportation services. Vice Chair Douglas thanked the Board for participating in the demonstration and advised the Board if they had questions on these services to contact Citrus County Transit at (352) 527-7630.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – There were no Board comments.

MPO DIRECTOR COMMENTS - There were no Director comments.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Douglas adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) immediately followed the Annual Public Workshop.