



CITRUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)

Thursday, February 8, 2024

ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) held its Annual Public Workshop at 9:30 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
Dave Newell, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, Alternate
Stephen Brown, Person with a Disability
Joanne Granger, Transit Services Director, Mass Transit Coordinator
Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Deirdre Barrett LaBelle, Local Representative for Children at Risk
Walter “Bud” Osborne, Veteran Services Office Alternate
Katie Lucas, Local Medical Community Representative
Jeannette Estes, State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruthie Schlabach, Chair, Citrus County Commissioner
Emilio Santiago, Florida Department of Health Care Administration
Debbie Letterman, Regional Workforce Development Board
Elizabeth Alacci, Florida Department of Children and Family Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Victoria Anderson, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 9:32 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.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lucas to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

[It is noted for the record that Jeannette Estes, member representing the State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, arrived at the meeting.]

Government-in-the-Sunshine and Conflict-of-Interest Presentation by the Hernando County Attorney's Office

Victoria Anderson, Assistant County Attorney for Hernando County, made a presentation to the LCB Board on the Sunshine Law and Public Record and Voting Conflicts. Ms. Anderson also provided a Voting Conflict-Case Summaries handout which was well received by the Board members. Ms. Estes commended Ms. Anderson on the presentation and thanked her for the comprehensive Voting Conflict-Case Summaries handout.

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Orientation/Overview of Program by MPO Staff

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator, reviewed a presentation outlining the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged program and the roles of the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the LCB members.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

MPO STAFF COMMENTS – There were no MPO staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Vice Chair Douglas adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) immediately followed the Annual Public Workshop.