



HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB)

Thursday, February 8, 2024

ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held its Annual Public Workshop at 1:30 p.m. at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun newspaper and the agenda was available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Allocco, Chair, Hernando County Board of County Commissioners
Shanika Figueroa Rodriguez, Vice Chair, Local Representative for Children at Risk
Robert Werts, Veterans Service Officer, Alternate
Tracy Noyes, Florida Department of Transportation
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Blind Services
Sam Kinard, Representative from the Public Educational Community, Alternate
Gretchen Samter, Person with a Disability
Gerry Whitted, Citizen Advocate – Transit User as Primary Means
Beverly Yates, RATPDev LLC, Transit Contractor of Public Transit System, Alternate
Cara Brunk, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Ian Martin, Florida Department of Health Care Administration, Alternate
Jeannette Estes, State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities
John Eberle, Regional Workforce Development Board

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Alacci, Florida Department of Children and Family Services
Kathleen Winters, Local Medical Community Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Esposito, MPO Executive Director
Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Administrative Assistant III
Miranda Maldonado, Mid Florida Community Services, Community Transportation Coordinator
Victoria Anderson, Assistant County Attorney, Hernando County

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Allocco called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board and staff followed the Invocation.
- 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. Rodriguez to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samter and the motion passed 11-0.

[It is noted for the record that John Eberle, member representing Regional Workforce Development Board arrived at the meeting.]

[It is noted for the record that Kevin Bargerstock, member representing Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Blind Services arrived at the meeting.]

PRESENTATIONS

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.

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.

Ms. Estes asked for the agency listing to be updated to *State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities*.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizens present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Allocco shared that he recently used public transportation to go shopping and reported the bus was clean, on time, and that if he was without a vehicle, he would feel comfortable using public transportation. Chair Allocco was also encouraged to observe work force usage as several employees from Oak Hill Hospital boarded the bus to travel south. Ms. Samter thanked Chair Allocco for using public transportation and expressed the importance for all Board members to experience public transportation to better understand the resources that are available for the transportation disadvantaged. Ms. Estes asked if there was a formalized process for Board members to record their experience using public transportation. Ms. Elwin explained that rider surveys are collected regularly.

MPO STAFF COMMENTS – There were no MPO staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chair Allocco adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) immediately followed the Annual Public Workshop.