

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT and MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT
MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT DISTRICT
SPECIAL EXPANSION TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAT GARAGE, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown, CT with Remote Options
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Susan Tyler at 11:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with the following committee members present: Angus McDonald, Laura Francis, Beverly Lawrence, and Susan Tyler.

Also in attendance: Leslie Strauss, Joseph Samolis, Joseph Comerford, and Christina Denison.

Absent: Ed Bailey, and Joan Gay

MOA DISCUSSION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

A copy of the revised letter to DOT and the committee's letter to Dennis Solensky were included in the Committee's packet.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing MOA contract negotiations with CT DOT by Laura Francis and seconded by Angus McDonald. The motion passed unanimously. Invited into the Executive Session were all committee members, Leslie Strauss, Joseph Samolis, Joe Comerford, and Christina Denison. The Executive Session commenced at 11:06 a.m.

No actions were taken in Executive Session. The Executive Session concluded at 11:29 a.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Discussion of Inter-District MOA

Tyler reported that the Chairs from each district have signed the Inter-District MOA.

Discussion of Shared Staffing Agreement

A copy of the Employee Services Sharing Agreement, Addendum 1 to the Employees Services Sharing Agreement and Exhibit A were included in the Committee's packet.

Tyler reported that Jonathan Shapiro, legal counsel, has finished reviewing the Shared Staffing Agreement, making minor changes; per Shapiro Board approval is not necessary for execution. Tyler noted the effective date will be retroactive to March 1, 2021, when shared staffing occurred. She reported that the Addendum covers 9 positions (6 filled and 3 pending DOTs) mentioned in the MOA; any new positions will require an additional Addendum. The Agreement will be signed by the districts' chairs.

Tyler also reported that Atty. Shapiro is working on a separate agreement for hourly employees.

Laura Francis made a motion that the ETD and the MTD Chairpersons accept and execute the Employee Services Sharing Agreement with Addendum. A. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Comerford and Dave Lee continue working on the Power Point presentation.

Work on the marketing brochure also continues.

NEW BUSINESS

For the month of August meetings will be at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays.

NEXT STEPS

1. Tyler, Francis and Comerford will meet with Dennis Solensky, CTDOT, on Friday, July 30. Prior to meeting, Tyler will send Dennis Solensky the letter outlining the changes in the DOT letter
2. Comerford and Lee will continue working on the Power Point presentation.
3. Leslie Strauss will contact the graphic designer regarding the marketing brochure; and
4. Drafts of the by-laws and policies will be distributed to ETD Board members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, at the MAT Garage, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown at 1:00 p.m. with an option to join via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Angus McDonald and seconded by Laura Francis. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk