

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

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TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ETD OFFICES, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown, CT with Remote Options
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023, at
9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Lawrence (via ZOOM), ETD Board Member, at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with the following committee members present: Courtney DiMenna, Student Support Manager, Vista Life Innovations (via ZOOM); JoAnn Ewing, East Hampton Senior Center Director (via ZOOM); Will Goble, Program Director, Vista Life Innovations (via ZOOM); Heather Granja, ACES Early Head Start Program Coordinator; Laurie McElwee, South Central Connecticut Regional Mobility Manager at the Kennedy Collective; and Artha Slade, Middletown Resident and ETD rider (via ZOOM)

Absent: Tim Griswold, TAC Chair; and Tim Kellogg, Head of Public Services, E.E. Scranton Memorial Library, Madison, and ETD rider

Also in attendance: Staff: Joe Comerford, Christina Denison, and Brendan Geraghty

SERVICE UPDATES

Geraghty reported that the route and schedule changes which went into effect on October 16 have been well received by the public for the most part and have had little impact on ridership. The District will continue to monitor on-time performance and make tweaks as necessary.

Geraghty has participated in several “Try It Transit” days at Wesleyan University.

Geraghty also reported on:

- SERVICE EXPANSION - The District has received \$600,000 from the State to expand service hours to include late night hours in Middletown and Sunday service in Middletown and along Route 641 on the shoreline. Public hearings will be held in the coming weeks in Westbrook and Middletown.
- XTRA MILE EXPANSION - The District has received a \$3.1 million grant from the State to permanently fund the Middletown program as well as to add zones in East Hampton, Guilford and Madison.
- BUS STOPS - The District will be transitioning from a flagstop system to a more traditional bus stop system over the next year.

He and Comerford were available to respond to any questions/comments from committee members.

Committee members were asked to help promote the expansion and xtramile and to listen for feedback regarding the route/schedule changes.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Next Meeting—The next meeting will be in February 2024. Date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk