

***Access Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts
Bay Transportation Authority (AACT)***

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Board of Directors Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Board of Directors:

Chairman - James F. White

Vice Chairman - Rick E. Morin

Executive Board

Mary Ann Murray

Ian Perrault

Beverly Ann Rock

Lisa Weber

Meeting opened at 10:08 AM

Reading of the Agenda

Introductions

Attendees

James White, Ian Perrault, Mary A. Murray, and Lisa Weber

MPO Staff:

Janie Guion

Chairman's Report

Chairman White stated the following:

- He testified on behalf of AACT members before the Fiscal Management and Control Board (FMCB) regarding the impact of potential changes to THE RIDE demand-responsive service.
- He noted that Michael Lambert, MassDOT, Deputy Administrator –Transit gave a presentation to the FMCB about paratransit services.
- He attended a meeting about improving community engagement. Also in attendance were Michael Lambert, Assistant General Manager Laura Brelsford, Judge Patrick King's compliance monitor, and representatives of other organizations.
- He attended the ADA training class at the MBTA Charlestown garage.
- He attended the ceremony for the new MBTA Chief of Police Kenneth Green.

He asked for questions there were none.

Committee Reports

Mary Ann Murray commented that Regional Transportation Advisory Council members have elected their new Co-Chairs.

No report was presented from the Rider Oversight Committee (ROC). The next ROC meeting is scheduled to be held on November 23.

The AACT Board General Discussion

- There were complaints concerning a lack of signage and the lack of an accessible path to board trains at the Lynn commuter rail station
- A discussion took place regarding THE RIIDE complaints for patterns that may reflect same drivers

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Chairman White reminded Board members about their obligation to read and sign-off on the state's Conflict of Interest Summary. The Acknowledgement Receipt that the members must sign was provided by the MBTA.

Announcements

Lourenço Dantas, Manager of the Certification Activities Group at Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) and an advisor to the AACT, was introduced to the AACT Board and others. He replaces former advisor Pam Wolfe who retired in early June 2015.

Notables

The AACT Executive Board will meet from 10:00 AM to noon and the Membership meeting will be conducted from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except when noted.

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Comments and questions concerning AACT should be directed to Chairman James White by contacting the AACT Coordinator, Ms. Janie Guion, at *Voice: 857.702.3658, Fax: 617.570.9192; TDD: 617. 570.9193; E-mail: AACT@ctps.org*, or at c/o CTPS, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116 (mail).

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Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.