

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

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*Wednesday, January 27, 2016*

*Board of Directors Minutes*

*Meeting opened at 10:12 AM*

*Board of Directors:*

Chairman - James F. White

Vice Chairman - Rick E. Morin

**Executive Board**

Mary Ann Murray

Ian Perrault

Beverly Ann Rock

Lisa Weber

**The next meeting to follow will be February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## *Reading of the Agenda*

### *Introductions*

*Attendees:* James White, Rick Morin, Lisa Weber, David Vieira, Arthur Kovac

### *MPO Staff:*

Janie Guion

## *Approval of Meeting Minutes*

### *Chairman's Joint Report*

*Chairman White and Vice Chairman Morin stated the following:*

- The MBTA's Fiscal Management Control Board (FMCB) discussed ways in which RIDE costs could be driven down in FY17.
- The suggestion of the elimination of THE RIDE Premium Service was met with opposition from the disability community.
- The AACT Board of Directors sent a letter to the FMCB recommending the formation of a task force to help the MBTA find ways to achieve an additional \$10 million in savings without eliminating THE RIDE Premium Service area.
- The task force's goal is to identify cost-saving measures that will yield measurable results, while also maintaining current high levels of service. Other transportation alternatives available to RIDE customers such as; EOHHS-HST MassHealth transportation service, COA transport, non-profit transportation programs, MBTA's

Taxi Subsidy pilot program and other programs were discussed. The AACT Board noted that this is a great opportunity to jointly work with other advocates and agencies to help the MBTA find other solutions. It was noted that at the last meeting the group suggested at least 12 ideas that could possibly render an additional \$10M savings for THE RIDE.

- The Chair and Vice Chair attended meetings whose subject matter included: the potential Centralized Cost and Control Center, Taxi Subsidy Pilot program, ADA Bus Recertification Program, and Passenger Assistance Program, as well as meetings of the Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee and Means Testing Committee.
- On February 17, the Chair and Vice Chair will attend a meeting to discuss the Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI) Program.

He asked for comments. There were none.

## *Committee Reports*

### *Rider Oversight Committee Report (ROC)*

***Lisa Weber, Board Member and AACT's representative to ROC*** reported that the Fiscal Management and Control Board (FMBC) member Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, attended a recent ROC meeting where she thanked her and the members of the FMBC for approving the formation of the Task Force and awaiting their recommendations before making any decisions regarding the upcoming fare increase; it was noted that the FMBC is eager to hear their findings since they are not experts.

**AACT's other representative to ROC Ian Perrault** also added that Ms. Tibbitts-Nutt stated that the MBTA is also looking into the latest state of the art technology for fare equipment and other media.

**Chairman White** noted that these types of innovations would be over a span of years.

No questions were presented.

### ***Open Discussion***

**L. Weber** noted that it is very important that the Chair and Vice Chair participating on various committees solicit the AACT membership for input when serving on various committees.

**R. Morin** noted that he agrees that he would be willing to convey members' suggestions but does not want to violate any public meeting laws between himself and the members.

**Chairman White** stated that he is more than willing to accept input from the members.

### ***Old Business***

The Summit Co-Chair Lisa Weber discussed plans for the April event. She noted that there could be a rescheduling of the date due to the Sec. Pollack's personal schedule.

### ***New Business***

None was presented.

***Meeting ended 11:33 PM***

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