

# COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of August 8, 2022

12:00 Noon

Telephone Conference Call

Present: Algernon McKenzie (Chair), Briana K. Williamson, Eddie Beck, Sylvia Cox, Gary Lanier, David Ransom, Selena Rowell, Kim Smith, Asst County Manager, Nick West  
Absent: Bettina Cox, Patrick Flanagan (Vice Chairman), Anna Galamb, Michael Lee, Trelonnie Owens, County Manager, Eddie Madden  
Staff: Director, Joy Jacobs, First Transit Site Manager, Tony Rowell

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:10pm. Chair Al McKenzie presided. Secretary, Briana K. Williamson in attendance.

Chairman Al McKenzie opened the floor to vote in new members and to approved March 14, 2022 minutes

**Action:** A motion to vote in new member, Marcus Norfleet with Vocational Rehabilitation, was made by Kim Smith and seconded by Eddie Beck. Motion was passed. No discussion.

A motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022 TAB meeting was made by Kim Smith, with corrections (added word quarter to pg. 2 of 5/9/22 TAB Meeting Minutes) and seconded by Charles Parker. The motion was unanimous. No discussion.

## Reports:

### A. Director's Report-

*A printed report was distributed by email that detailed the topics that would be discussed at today's meeting.*

Director, Joy Jacobs presented Director's Report.

Topics covered in the report included:

- Trips are continuing to pick back up and goal is to get back to 500,000 miles per year. Currently working on a plan to help reach that goal.
- ETAP funds for elderly/ disabled
- RGP funds for general public
- Application with HOP has been approved.
- Free rides ended 7/31/22. Still need to collect 10% of ROAP money in fares, so we can continue to offer free rides.
- Busses ordered last year have still not come in and the costs have gone up. IMD is working to see what we can do.
- 12-month extension with First Transit is due. Proposal included in packet. Remaining CARES funding should be able to accommodate financial increases. This fall we will be working on the RFP to rebid transportation operational contract.
- ROAP funds for current FY will be the same as last FY, or could be more. Also working on grant application FY24. Application is due in to NCDOT-IMD by 10/7/22. This will cover the Administrative portion of the grant. Application for Capital portion is not available until later this year
- Webpage has been updated. Also check out our Facebook page.
- Next TAB Meeting November 14, 2022
- Charts have been attached to show standing with funding. See charts attached.

### B. First Transit Site Manager's Report:

- Mr. Rowell reported catalytic converters stolen from buses/ vans

- Looking at a perimeter alarm
- No accidents

**Old Business** – None.

**New business** –None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

**Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Marcus Norfleet and seconded by Eddie Beck.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022, in person @ Dale's Seafood in Whiteville, NC.

Future Meeting dates:

February 13, 2023

May 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jacobs, Director

*Members who were absent may request  
their printed reports from the director.*