



**May 15, 2024
Open Session Minutes**

**Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
Advisory Board Meeting
Taunton City Hall
Silver City Conference Room, 2nd Floor
15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780
and
Zoom**

1. Open Session Convenes

Gill Enos called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. The following board members were present:

Attleboro (5.55), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone (remote)
Bellingham (2.65), Josie Dutil (remote)
Berkley (1.40), Tabitha McCrohan (remote)
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly (remote)
Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell (remote)
Duxbury (2.30), Joanne Moore (remote)
Franklin (2.39), Cobi Frongillo (remote)
Halifax (1.00), Cody Haddad (remote)
Kingston (1.99), Patti Waitkevich (remote)
Marshfield (3.11), Greg Guimond (remote)

Middleboro (2.85), Mark Germain (remote)
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson
Rehoboth (1.21), Richard Panofsky (remote)
Scituate (2.37), Linda Hayes (remote)
Seekonk (2.15), Brittney Faria (remote)
Taunton (5.64), Gill Enos
Wrentham (1.95), Janet Angelico (remote)
ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael Raymond (remote)

The following board members were absent:

Foxborough (2.01), Marc Craig
Lakeville (1.61), Lori Fahey
Mansfield (2.87), Kevin Dumas
Medway (1.99), Courtney Riley
Norfolk (2.28), Karen Edwards

North Attleboro (3.33), Tony Morabito
Norton (2.15), Alec Rich
Plymouth (5.48), Derek Brindisi
Plympton (1.00), Colleen Thompson
Wareham (3.28), Alan Slavin

The following board members arrived late to the meeting at the below arrival times:

Hanover (3.66), Tammy Murray (remote) arrived 1:11PM
Pembroke (2.59), Marie Vitale (remote) arrived 1:19PM

Also present:

Mary Ellen DeFrias, Dan Burgess, Sharon O'Brien

2. April 17, 2024, Open Session Minutes

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A motion was made and 2nd to approve April 17, 2024, Open Session. A roll call vote was taken.

Attleboro (5.55), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone - aye	Marshfield (3.11), Greg Guimond - aye
Bellingham (2.65), Josie Dutil - aye	Middleboro (2.85), Mark Germain - aye
Berkley (1.40), Tabitha McCrohan - aye	Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson - aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly - aye	Rehoboth (1.21), Richard Panofsky - aye
Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell - aye	Scituate (2.37), Linda Hayes - aye
Duxbury (2.30), Joanne Moore - aye	Seekonk (2.15), Brittney Faria - aye
Franklin (2.39), Cobi Frongillo - aye	Taunton (5.64), Gill Enos - aye
Halifax (1.00), Cody Haddad - aye	Wrentham (1.95), Janet Angelico - abstain
Kingston (1.99), Patti Waitkevich - aye	ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael Raymond - aye

Motion to approve April 17, 2024, Open Session Minutes passed.

3. Administrator's Report, Civil Rights Report, and Financial Report

Mary Ellen DeFrias reviewed the Administrator Report. There are still union negotiations, and we will need to hold off commenting until mediation is complete. Excited to report that the South Attleboro stations are open with limited service. GATRA is working with the MBTA and the city of Attleboro to determine how to service the station safely.

Mary Ellen attended the APTA Legislative gathering held in Washington DC last month (April). This was an opportunity to speak with staff from Senator Warren, Senator Markey, and Congressman Auchincloss's office on what all RTA's are working on, particularly GATRA. Mary Ellen discussed GATRA's new Wareham facility which will be a green facility, and all are looking forward to it. Senator Markey was pleased to hear about the new facility being green. There are no changes to the Civil Rights Report; we are still in compliance. GATRA is excited to announce our new member to the GATRA family. Kylie Araujo had a baby girl, Annie, born Tuesday, 5/14. Both mom and baby are doing well. In the interim Sharon O'Brien will fill-in while Kylie is out on maternity leave.

Dan Burgess covered the fiscal year Financial Report dated March 31. April's board meeting voted to approve amendment #2 which specifically addressed the Brokerage Services and Special Services (Blue Apple Bus) lines. There will be minor adjustments made for the final amendment addressed at May's board meeting for the FY24 budget.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the May 2024 Administrator's Report, Civil Rights Report, and Financial Report. A roll call vote was taken.

Attleboro (5.55), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone aye	Marshfield (3.11), Greg Guimond - aye
Bellingham (2.65), Josie Dutil - aye	Middleboro (2.85), Mark Germain - aye
	Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson - aye

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Berkley (1.40), Tabitha McCrohan - aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly - aye
Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell - aye
Duxbury (2.30), Joanne Moore - aye
Franklin (2.39), Cobi Frongillo - aye
Halifax (1.00), Cody Haddad - aye
Hanover (3.66), Tammy Murray - aye
Kingston (1.99), Patti Waitkevich - aye

Raynham (2.09), Erin Medeiros - aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Richard Panofsky - aye
Scituate (2.37), Linda Hayes - aye
Seekonk (2.15), Brittney Faria - aye
Taunton (5.64), Gill Enos - aye
Wrentham (1.95), Janet Angelico - aye
ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael
Raymond - aye

Motion to approve the May 2024 Administrator’s Report, Civil Rights Report, and Financial Report passed.

4. Financial Report, Distribution of FY25 Budget

Included as an attachment in May’s packet is the FY25 proposed budget. This is to allow the board enough time to review and vote at June’s meeting. The biggest change is to the cover sheet. Brokerage is now separate from transit services. This is to keep a clear division between transit services and the Brokerage contract.

Despite the news about the Senate budget being generous to the RTA’s, the House version was not as generous. There will be changes made during the conference committee. Due to this, the budget was based on level funding which is constant in both the Governor and House versions.

GATRA was notified of being awarded the Tri Transit grant for free service during Christmas 2024. This grant is included on the cover sheet under the Non-Federal Transit Grants.

Each page has the 4 pillars which make up the 4 different parts of GATRA – GATRA Administration, Contractor – KOA (transit service), GATRA Microtransit/COA and GATRA Brokerage.

5. Executive Compensation Committee Recommendation

The Executive Compensation Committee recommended a 5% increase for the Administrator.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the Executive Compensation Committee Recommendation. A roll call vote was taken.

Attleboro (5.55), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone
aye
Bellingham (2.65), Josie Dutil - aye
Berkley (1.40), Tabitha McCrohan - aye
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Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell - aye
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Franklin (2.39), Cobi Frongillo - aye
Halifax (1.00), Cody Haddad - aye
Hanover (3.66), Tammy Murray - aye
Kingston (1.99), Patti Waitkevich - aye

Middleboro (2.85), Mark Germain - aye
Pembroke (2.59), Marie Vitale - aye
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson - aye
Raynham (2.09), Erin Medeiros - aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Richard Panofsky - aye
Scituate (2.37), Linda Hayes - aye
Seekonk (2.15), Brittney Faria - aye
Taunton (5.64), Gill Enos - aye
Wrentham (1.95), Janet Angelico - aye
ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael
Raymond – aye

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Marshfield (3.11), Greg Guimond - aye

Motion to approve the Executive Compensation Committee passed.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made and 2nd to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:23PM.

Attleboro (5.55), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone
aye

Bellingham (2.65), Josie Dutil - aye

Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly - aye

Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell - aye

Duxbury (2.30), Joanne Moore - aye

Franklin (2.39), Cobi Frongillo - aye

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Scituate (2.37), Linda Hayes - aye

Seekonk (2.15), Brittney Faria - aye

Taunton (5.64), Gill Enos - aye

Wrentham (1.95), Janet Angelico - aye

ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael

Raymond – aye

Documents & Exhibits Discussed in this Meeting:

5.15.2024 GATRA Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

4.17.2024 GATRA Advisory Board Open Session Minutes

May 2024 Administrator's Report

May 2024 Civil Rights Report

FY25 Budget

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