



## Meeting Minutes

# **MBTA Advisory Board**

June 04, 2001 10:00 AM

- A. Call to order: Mayor Thomas Koch (Quincy), Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM via Zoom. The Chair led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and in a moment of silence in honor of those serving our nation around to world ensuring peace and stability. 33 communities were present, above the quorum threshold set in the bylaws.
- B. 04/28/21 Minutes: Dan Salvucci (Whitman) moved to approve the minutes of the 12/04/20 meeting. Ben Bloomenthal (Acton) seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. MBTA Operating Budget Review Report: Brian Kane gave the presentation on behalf of the Finance Committee. The report was provided in advance to all members. The report was dedicated in gratitude to the members of the Fiscal and Management Control Board, past and present, for their service since 2015. The 24-page report provided an in-depth review of the MBTA's proposed FY22 \$2.35 billion operating budget. This budget includes revenue or \$1.99 billion, and \$2.35 billion in spending. It is balanced with \$365 million in savings realized in FY20 and FY21 due to low ridership and reduced spending. The report, specifically, called for urgent action on the creation of an MBTA-only governing board, slowing attempts to eliminate fares on MBTA services until a means of paying for it is found, slowing attempts to introduce means tested fares until a counterparty is identified to administer and pay for the program, streamline the Ambassador program to realize savings, pilot single person train operation on the Green Line, publish a hiring plan, cap annual expense growth at 2.4% annually, and consider aggressive transit oriented development initiatives. Members of the Finance Committee were thanked for their efforts. Josh Ostroff (Natick) made a motion to approve the report and authorize the Executive Director to present it to the FMCB. Joe DePriest (Chelsea) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- D. MBTA Capital Budget: Brian Kane gave the presentation on behalf of the Capital Committee. The report was provided in advance to all members. The report was dedicated in gratitude to the members of the Fiscal and Management Control Board, past and present, for their service since 2015. The 42-page report provided an in-depth review of the MBTA's proposed FY22 \$2.6 billion capital budget. The report highlighted the following points: MBTA requires an independent governing body, MBTA also requires an independent planning department, MBTA must follow the law and provide the CIP to the Advisory Board in January as required by MGL, the MBTA should publish the State of Good Repair backlog number, it must publish a 5-year, not 1-year CIP, it needs to be clearer on its fare Transformation and bus transformation strategies. In addition, the report calls for the Authority to get serious about double tracking the entire Old Colony Line between Braintree and South Station, completing the Red/Blue Connector by 2030, and improving municipal 2-way communication. Several members emphasized parts of the report, specifically around the Red/Blue connector. Members of the committee that drafted the report were thanked for their efforts. Glenn Cannon (Bourne) made a motion to approve the report and authorize the Executive Director to present it to the MBTA on behalf of the organization. Joe DePriest (Chelsea) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- E. New Business: Brian Kane noted that the Annual General Meeting of the body is scheduled for 6/29/21 at 10AM via zoom and urged all to attend. He also noted that recruitment for committees is ongoing, and requested volunteers.
- F. Adjourn: The Chair requesting a motion, Janie Dretler (Sudbury), moved to adjourn. Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Meeting Attendees			
Abington		Foxborough	
Acton	Benjamin Bloomenthal	Framingham	
Amesbury		Franklin	
Andover	Kay O'Neill	Freetown	
Arlington	Lenard Diggins	Georgetown	
Ashburnham		Gloucester	
Ashby		Grafton	
Ashland	Robert Scherer	Groton	
Attleboro		Groveland	
Auburn		Halifax	
Ayer		Hamilton	
Bedford	Margot Fleischman	Hanover	
Bellingham		Hanson	
Belmont	Roy Epstein, Ph.D.	Harvard	
Berkley		Haverhill	
Beverly		Hingham	
Billerica		Holbrook	
Boston	Matthew Morran	Holden	
Bourne	Glenn Cannon	Holliston	
Boxborough		Hopkinton	
Boxford		Hull	
Braintree		Ipswich	
Bridgewater	Michael Dutton	Kingston	
Brockton	Alan Castaline	Lakeville	
Brookline	Todd Kirrane	Lancaster	
Burlington		Lawrence	
Cambridge	Suzanne Rasmussen	Leicester	
Canton	P. Christopher Podgurski	Leominster	
Carlisle		Lexington	Suzanne Barrett
Carver		Lincoln	
Chelmsford		Littleton	
Chelsea	Joseph DePriest	Lowell	
Cohasset		Lunenburg	
Concord		Lynn	William Bochnak
Danvers		Lynnfield	
Dedham		Malden	Yem Lipp, P.E.
Dover		Manchester	
Dracut		Mansfield	
Duxbury	Richard Prone	Marblehead	
E. Bridgewater		Marlborough	
Easton	Dottie Fulgniti	Marshfield	
Essex		Maynard	
Everett		Medford	Todd Blake
Fitchburg		Medway	

Meeting Attendees Continued			
Melrose		Seekonk	
Merrimac		Sharon	
Methuen		Sherborn	
Middleborough		Shirley	
Middleton		Shrewsbury	
Millbury	Sean Hendricks	Somerville	Brad Rawson
Millis		Southborough	
Milton		Sterling	
Nahant		Stoneham	
Natick	Josh Ostroff	Stoughton	Debra Roberts
Needham		Stow	
Newbury		Sudbury	
Newburyport		Sutton	
Newton	David Koses	Swampscott	
Norfolk		Taunton	
North Andover		Tewksbury	
N. Attleborough		Topsfield	
North Reading		Townsend	
Northborough		Tyngsborough	
Northbridge		Upton	
Norton		Wakefield	
Norwell		Walpole	
Norwood		Waltham	
Paxton		Wareham	
Peabody		Watertown	Laura Wiener
Pembroke		Wayland	
Plymouth		Wellesley	Colette Aufranc
Plympton		Wenham	
Princeton		West Boylston	
Quincy	Mayor Thomas Koch Frank Tramontozzi, P.E.	W. Bridgewater	
Randolph	Brian Howard Katrina Huff-Larmond	West Newbury	
Raynham		Westborough	
Reading		Westford	
Rehoboth		Westminster	
Revere		Weston	Geri Scoll
Rochester		Westwood	Steve Olanoff
Rockland		Weymouth	
Rockport		Whitman	Dan Salvucci
Rowley		Wilmington	
Salem		Winchester	
Salisbury		Winthrop	
Saugus	Mike Serrino	Woburn	
Scituate		Worcester	