



## Meeting Minutes

# **MBTA Advisory Board**

June 29, 2001 10:00 AM

- A. Call to order: Mayor Thomas Koch (Quincy), Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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.
- B. 06/04/21 Minutes: Dan Salvucci (Whitman) moved to approve the minutes of the 12/04/20 meeting. Todd Kirrane (Brockton) seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Report of the Budget & Audit Committee: Todd Kirrane, Chair gave the presentation on behalf of the committee. The report was provided in advance to all members. The FY22 budget is not balanced, in fact, it is \$154,485 in the red. We propose to fill this deficit by transferring the deficit amount from the Board's considerable cash reserves. At present, the organization has over \$700,000 in reserves in the bank. Deficit spending is not sustainable or desirable. There are 2 factors driving the deficit this year that deserve an explanation.
1. The desire to catch up on audits from previous fiscal years that were not completed.
  2. The Executive Director's planned changes to the organization that will return the budget to surplus in FY23.

These strategies were explained in detail. After an extensive Q&A from the membership facilitated by the Chair, Joe Collins (Norwood) moved to

approve the budget as presented for FY22, Dan Salvucci (Whitman) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- D. Report of the By-Law Committee: Laura Wiener (Watertown) presented the report on behalf of the committee. The proposed amendment to the By-Laws are mostly grammatical in nature or changing the names and categorization of the committees. After an extensive Q&A from the membership facilitated by the Chair, Robert Scherer (Ashland) moved to approve the By-Law changes as presented, Dan Salvucci (Whitman) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- E. Officers & Committees: Brian Kane (Executive Director) gave the report on behalf of the Executive Committee. In accordance with the By-Laws of the organization (Article IV, Section 1, part C, paragraph 2) a slate of officers and committee members was presented for the body to elect. A version of the approved slate is attached. Following discussion facilitated by the Chair, Glenn Cannon (Bourne) moved to adopt the slate and elect the members as officers and to the respective committees as presented. Robert Scherer (Ashland) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- F. Statement #1: The General Counsel provided this first statement for the organization's consideration. This is offered as a matter of efficiency, and in compliance with the By-Laws of the body. The statement as presented: "Consistent with the by-laws of the organization, the Executive Director is delegated those powers granted to the Secretary/Clerk to give notice of meetings of the body and/or its committees, and to keep the minutes of meetings of the body and/or its committees for the period July 1, 2021 –

June 30, 2022.” Following a discussion facilitated by the Chair, Todd Kirrane (Brookline) moved to approve the statement as presented. Greg Guimond (Marshfield) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

G. Statement #2: The General Counsel also provided this second statement for the organization’s consideration. This statement is also offered as a matter of efficiency, and in compliance with the By-Laws of the body. The statement as presented: “Consistent with the by-laws of the organization, the Advisory Board delegates its powers to the Executive Committee established and elected under the by-laws of the board, and duly constituted. The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the full board on all matters not reserved for the full body in its enabling legislation for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.” Following a discussion facilitated by the Chair, Todd Kirrane (Brookline) moved to approve the statement as presented. Joe Collins (Norwood) seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

H. Upcoming Meetings & Announcements: Brian Kane made the presentation. He mentioned that the first of July marks 4 months of his tenure as Executive Director, and 15 months in the position combined with acting. Kane continued that Somerville’s Brad Rawson mentioned at the last meeting that cities and towns are Stronger Together. This is the theme for the Advisory Board’s FY22 year. The organization’s committees, Budget & Audit, By-Law, Operating Budget Review, Capital Budget Review are all up and running and producing strong, analytical work that is making a difference. He mentioned that in the coming weeks, the CEO of each

municipality will be written to as part of ongoing outreach. In addition, a new employee will begin 7/5/21 as the body's first Transportation Planner, working on Boston MPO matters, as well as with the *ad hoc* committees of the Advisory Board. Kane closed by thanking the members and designees of the body for volunteering to serve their cities and towns on the MBTA Advisory Board. Specifically, he thanked Frank Tramontozzi (Quincy) and Juan Diego Jaramillo (Revere) for their efforts. The Vice Chair, Mayor Brian Arrigo (Revere) and Chair Mayor Tom Koch (Quincy) are providing strong leadership for the organization, and their efforts are particularly thanked. In conclusion, Kane mentioned that the Budget & Audit Committee will meet on July 7, and the Commuter Rail Committee will meet on July 14. Committees will meet over the summer and the autumn on the organization's ongoing oversight charge. Josh Ostroff (Natick) responded by thanking Brian Kane and endorsing the Stronger Together theme.

- I. Member Announcements: There were none.
- J. Adjourn: With all business transacted, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Janie Dretler (Sudbury) made the motion, which Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) seconded. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

*Note: These minutes were approved by vote of the MBTA Advisory Board at its 11/16/21 meeting.*

| Meeting Attendees |                           |             |                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Abington          |                           | Foxborough  |                 |
| Acton             |                           | 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           |                           | Hanover     |                 |
| Bellingham        |                           | Hanson      |                 |
| Belmont           |                           | Harvard     |                 |
| Berkley           |                           | Haverhill   |                 |
| Beverly           |                           | Hingham     |                 |
| Billerica         |                           | Holbrook    |                 |
| Boston            | Matt Moran<br>Bob D'Amico | Holden      |                 |
| Bourne            | Glenn Cannon              | Holliston   |                 |
| Boxborough        | Diana Lipari              | Hopkinton   |                 |
| Boxford           |                           | Hull        | Jen Constable   |
| Braintree         |                           | Ipswich     |                 |
| Bridgewater       | Michael Dutton            | Kingston    |                 |
| Brockton          | Alan Castaline            | Lakeville   |                 |
| Brookline         | Todd Kirrane              | Lancaster   |                 |
| Burlington        |                           | Lawrence    |                 |
| Cambridge         |                           | Leicester   |                 |
| Canton            | P. Christopher Podgurski  | Leominster  |                 |
| Carlisle          |                           | Lexington   | Suzanne Barrett |
| Carver            |                           | Lincoln     |                 |
| Chelmsford        |                           | Littleton   |                 |
| Chelsea           |                           | Lowell      |                 |
| Cohasset          |                           | Lunenburg   |                 |
| Concord           |                           | Lynn        |                 |
| Danvers           |                           | Lynnfield   |                 |
| Dedham            |                           | Malden      |                 |
| Dover             |                           | Manchester  |                 |
| Dracut            |                           | Mansfield   |                 |
| Duxbury           | Richard Prone             | Marblehead  |                 |
| E. Bridgewater    |                           | Marlborough |                 |
| Easton            | Dottie Fulgniti           | Marshfield  | Greg Guimond    |
| Essex             |                           | Maynard     |                 |
| Everett           | Jay Monty                 | Medford     | Todd Blake      |
| Fitchburg         |                           | Medway      |                 |

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| Melrose         |  | Seekonk        |                 |
| Merrimac        |  | Sharon         |                 |
| Methuen         |  | Sherborn       |                 |
| Middleborough   |  | Shirley        |                 |
| Middleton       |  | Shrewsbury     |                 |
| Millbury        | Sean Hendricks                               | Somerville     |                 |
| Millis          |  | Southborough   |                 |
| Milton          | Michael Dutton                               | Sterling       |                 |
| Nahant          |  | Stoneham       |                 |
| Natick          | Josh Ostroff                                 | Stoughton      | Debra Roberts   |
| Needham         | Duncan Allen                                 | Stow           |                 |
| Newbury         |  | Sudbury        | Janie Drettler  |
| 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         | Joe A. Collins                               | Waltham        | Catherine Cagle |
| Paxton          |  | Wareham        |                 |
| Peabody         |  | Watertown      | Laura Wiener    |
| Pembroke        |  | Wayland        |                 |
| Plymouth        |  | Wellesley      | Colette Aufranc |
| Plympton        |  | Wenham         |                 |
| Princeton       |  | West Boylston  |                 |
| Quincy          | Mayor Thomas Koch<br>Frank Tramontozzi, P.E. | W. Bridgewater |                 |
| Randolph        | Brian Howard<br>Katrina Huff-Larmond         | West Newbury   | Richard Parker  |
| Raynham         |  | Westborough    |                 |
| Reading         |  | Westford       |                 |
| Rehoboth        |  | Westminster    |                 |
| Revere          |  | Weston         |                 |
| Rochester       |  | Westwood       | Steve Olanoff   |
| Rockland        |  | Weymouth       |                 |
| Rockport        |  | Whitman        | Dan Salvucci    |
| Rowley          |  | Wilmington     |                 |
| Salem           |  | Winchester     |                 |
| Salisbury       |  | Winthrop       |                 |
| Saugus          |  | Woburn         |                 |
| Scituate        |  | Worcester      |                 |