



## Minutes

March 08, 2022 Meeting

- A. Call to order: Mayor Thomas Koch (Quincy), Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 the world ensuring peace and stability, as well as for the people of Ukraine.
- B. Executive Director's Report: Brian Kane (Executive Director) gave the report, which focused on ongoing recruitment of new communities to participate, as well as recent additions of new members and designees, and announced departures of others.
- C. 02/17/2022 minutes: Joe Collins (Norwood) moved to approve the minutes of the 02/17/202 meeting, as amended. Dan Salvucci (Whitman) seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.
- D. Fare Tariff Report: Brian Kane (Executive Director) gave the report on behalf of the Operating Budget Oversight Committee. The full Advisory Board charged this committee to review the MBTA's proposed fare tariff changes. These changes were presented to the Advisory Board on 2/17/22. The Operating Budget Oversight Committee met on 3/4/22 to review a staff-produced draft of the oversight report. Committee member discussed the draft, and recommended several edits and changes. This draft was shared with the full Advisory Board in the afternoon of Friday, 3/4/22 for its review and consideration. Some technical changes dealing with punctuation, spelling and



grammar were suggested, which were incorporated into the final version of the report. The Chair facilitated a discussion of the draft between members, staff and committee members. Following a thorough discussion, Josh Ostroff (Natick) moved to accept the report, and transmit it to the MBTA Board of Directors and MBTA leadership as an official transmission of the MBTA Advisory Board. Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) seconded this motion. The motion was approved unanimously, and the report was adopted.

- E. Budget & Audit Committee Report: Todd Kirrane, Chair (Brookline) gave the report on behalf of the committee. 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits of the organization's books and financials from 2012 to 2018 are ongoing, with 2019 and 2020 having been completed. 2021 will be completed in the next year. In addition, staff recently acquired QuickBooks online to allow committee members to view its accounting books in real-time, as is currently the case for its bank accounts. Finally, the committee continues to meet with staff on a quarterly basis to review spending, and provide oversight of operations. Following a discussion facilitated by Chair Koch, Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) moved to accept the report. This motion was seconded by Debra Roberts (Stoughton), and the motion was carried unanimously and the report was accepted.
- F. Commuter Rail Committee Report: Rob Scherer, Chair (Ashland) gave the report. The committee met on 2/11/22 with Mr. Abdellah Chajai, new CEO of Keolis Commuter Services in Boston, and Mr. Mike Muller, new Executive Director of Commuter Rail for the MBTA. They gave a joint presentation on their



proposed new approaches to managing commuter rail operations in the region, and took many questions from members. Many others had questions that staff will compile and submit formally. There will be a follow-up meeting of the committee with these gentlemen in November 2022. Following a discussion facilitated by Chair Koch, Alan Castaline (Brockton) moved to accept the report. This motion was seconded by Richard Prone (Duxbury), and the motion was carried unanimously and the report was accepted.

G. Ferry Committee Report: Brian Kane (Executive Director) gave the report on behalf of Jennifer Constable, Chair (Hull). The committee met on March 4, 2022 via Zoom to hear from the CEO of Hornblower Inc., Mr. Kevin Rabbit, and with its Chief Strategy Officer, Mr. Cameron Clark. Hornblower is the new operator of the MBTA's ferry contract, having bought Boston Harbor Cruises in 2020. Kevin and Cameron offered a wealth of information about Hornblower, Inc., and its internal capacity not just to operate commuter ferries, but also in areas of design, ship construction, ticketing, and many other areas. For instance, it will soon launch its first 100% electric commuter ferry boat in Alabama later this year. They certainly thought it was feasible to have 100% electric boats operating in Boston in the near future, at least on the inner-harbor ferry between Rowes Wharf and Charlestown. Following a discussion facilitated by Chair Koch, Martha Berwick (Hingham) moved to accept the report. This motion was seconded by Duncan Allen (Needham), and the motion was carried unanimously and the report was accepted. Following a discussion facilitated by



Chair Koch, Tom Devine (Salem) moved to refer this motion to the Commuter Rail Committee, with a suggestion to also consider including trains to all southside termini. This motion was seconded by John DePriest (Chelsea), and the motion was carried unanimously and the matter was referred.

H. Upcoming meetings, announcements, old/new business:

- Brian Kane reported on upcoming committee meetings and the organization's busy upcoming spring season.
- Judy O'Connell (Wilmington) commented about the need for improved communications between the MBTA and its municipalities, especially on the issue of safety. Brian Kane will follow up on this matter with Wilmington.
- Brian Kane will try and schedule a briefing for members and designees on the topic of MBTA multi-family zoning.
- Susan Barrett (Lexington) requested that the Board consider paratransit.

I. Adjourn: With all business transacted, Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Greg Guimond (Marshfield) made the motion, which David Martin (Acton) seconded. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Attendance list follows:

*Note: These minutes were approved by vote of the MBTA Advisory Board on 4/26/22*



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Abington		Duxbury	Richard Prone
Acton	David Martin	East Bridgewater	
Amesbury		Easton	Dottie Fulginiti
Andover		Essex	Jay Monty
Arlington	Len Diggans	Everett	
Ashburnham		Fitchburg	
Ashby		Foxborough	
Ashland	Rob Scherer	Framingham	
Attleboro		Franklin	
Auburn		Freetown	
Ayer		Georgetown	
Bedford	Margot Fleishman	Gloucester	
Bellingham		Grafton	
Belmont	Roy Epstein	Groton	
Berkley		Groveland	
Beverly	Darlene Wynn	Halifax	
Billerica		Hamilton	
Boston		Hanover	
Bourne	Glenn Cannon	Hanson	
Boxborough	Diana Lipari	Harvard	
Boxford		Haverhill	
Braintree		Hingham	Martha Berwick
Bridgewater	Michael Dutton	Holbrook	
Brockton	Alan Castaline	Holden	
Brookline	Todd Kirrane	Holliston	
Burlington		Hopkinton	
Cambridge		Hull	
Canton		Ipswich	
Carlisle		Kingston	
Carver		Lakeville	Evagelia Fabian
Chelmsford		Lancaster	
Chelsea	John DePriest	Lawrence	
Cohasset	Corey Evans	Leicester	
Concord		Leominster	
Danvers		Lexington	Susan Barrett
Dedham		Lincoln	
Dover		Littleton	
Dracut		Lowell	



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Lunenburg		Pembroke	
Lynn	Aaron Claussen	Plymouth	
Lynnfield		Plympton	
Malden	Christiana Joo	Princeton	
Manchester		Quincy	Tom Koch, Chair
Mansfield		Randolph	Brian Howard
Marblehead		Raynham	
Marlborough	Meredith Harris	Reading	
Marshfield	Greg Guimond	Rehoboth	
Maynard	Chet Osbourne	Revere	JD Jaramillo
Medfield		Rochester	
Medford	Todd Blake	Rockland	
Medway		Rockport	
Melrose		Rowley	
Merrimac	Bill Andrulitis	Salem	
Methuen		Salisbury	
Middleborough		Saugus	Mike Serino
Middleton		Scituate	Al Bangert
Millbury		Seekonk	
Millis		Sharon	
Milton		Sherborn	
Nahant	Bill Crawford	Shirley	
Natick		Shrewsbury	
Needham	Duncan Allen	Somerville	Brad Rawson
Newbury		Southborough	
Newburyport		Sterling	
Newton	Jason Sobel	Stoneham	Rayme Parker
Norfolk		Stoughton	Debra Roberts
North Andover		Stow	
N. Attleborough		Sudbury	
North Reading		Sutton	
Northborough		Swampscott	
Northbridge		Taunton	
Norton		Tewksbury	
Norwell		Topsfield	
Norwood	Joe Collins	Townsend	
Paxton		Tyngsborough	
Peabody		Upton	



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		<b>Guests</b>	<b>MBTA</b>
Wakefield			
Walpole			
Waltham	Catherine Cagle		
Wareham			
Watertown	Laura Wiener		
Wayland			
Wellesley	Colette Aufranc		
Wenham		<b>Other</b>	
West Boylston		Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi
W. Bridgewater			
West Newbury			
Westborough	Zach Boughner		
Westford			
Westminster			
Weston			
Westwood	Steve Olanoff		
Weymouth			
Whitman	Dan Salvucci		
Wilmington	Judy O'Connell		
Winchester			
Winthrop			
Woburn			
Worcester			
Wrentham			
<b>Staff</b>			
Brian Kane	Executive Director		