



MBTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 01, 2022

11:00 AM

- A. **Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Moment of Silence:** Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Chair (Quincy) called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM via zoom. The Chair led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor for those American service members serving at home and abroad keeping the peace around the globe, and the victims of the war in Ukraine.
- B. **June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** At the request of Roy Epstein (Belmont) this item was held.
- C. **Forum Update:** Brian Kane (Executive Director) gave the report. The organization hosted a forum on October 18, 2022 entitled “Moving the Commonwealth Forward: The Future of the MBTA” via zoom. The event featured Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Driscoll (Salem) as well as many other thought leaders from across the region on 3 panels discussing Oversight and Management, Funding the MBTA, and the Future of the MBTA. Many Advisory Board members, including Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn (Medford), Select Board Chair Heather Hamilton (Brookline), Mayor Katjana Ballantyne (Somerville), and the Board’s Chair T. Koch participated. There was significant press coverage.
- D. **New Office Space:** B. Kane presented this item. A memo was provided to members with more details. The organization’s longtime (since 1999) lease on 177 Tremont Street, 4th Floor expires on 12/31/22. In October, 2022 the operating cost of this space was about \$10,347.60, which is about average. Ideally the staff would move into the State Transportation Building at 10 Park Plaza, Boston. However, discussions thus far with building management have

proved unsuccessful. Space is needed in the interim. To meet this need, a move to managed space at 20 Park Plaza, Suite 473, Boston is proposed. The total monthly fee for this space is estimated to be \$3,109.93 per month, a significant savings. Colette Aufranc (Wellesley) Co-Chair of the Budget and Audit Committee stated that said committee had reviewed this proposal in detail and supports it, believing that it will be better space for the staff and a better deal for the organization. C. Aufranc moved to approve a resolution (a copy is attached) authorizing this move. Dan Salvucci (Whitman) seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

- E. **Bus Network Redesign:** Wes Edwards, MBTA Assistant General Manager for Service Planning and Melissa Dullea, MBTA Senior Director of Service Planning gave the presentation. Bus Network Redesign is a major initiative by the MBTA to re-think and change its bus service. As a concept it was approved by vote of the MBTA Board of Directors at its November meeting. Chair Koch mentioned that while he voted in the affirmative, he noted that this process will be iterative going forward, and that the MBTA has agreed to continue to interact with communities in the future. He noted that other Board members noted that they considered this a dynamic process and not a 5-year authorization for massive changes. Following the presentation, the Chair facilitated the discussion. M. Moran, Chair of the Rapid Transit Committee stated that this committee has been discussing this topic since October, and will be prepared to present its report and recommendation at the Board's next meeting. B. Kane mentioned that this initiative is not without negatives, as some communities will lose service levels. B. Kane noted that the MBTA Board of Directors must take a final vote on this

initiative at its December meeting.

- F. **Refer Bus Network Redesign:** D. Salvucci moved to refer the Bus Network Redesign initiative to the Rapid Transit Committee with a charge a charge to review it, and make a recommendation to the full Advisory Board at its next meeting. A. Castaline seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.
- G. **Upcoming meetings, announcements, old/new business:** The next meeting of the full body is scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 10AM via Zoom. The Commuter Rail, Operating Budget Oversight, Rapid Transit, and By-Law Committees will all meet in December, with other committees trying to schedule sessions as well.
- H. **Adjourn:** D. Salvucci moved to adjourn. M. Moran seconded this motion which was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned 11:57 AM.

Note: These minutes were approved at the 12/12/22 meeting of the MBTA Advisory Board.

Abington		East Bridgewater	
Acton		Easton	
Amesbury		Essex	
Andover		Everett	
Arlington	Lenard Diggins	Fitchburg	
Ashburnham		Foxborough	
Ashby		Framingham	
Ashland	Rob Scherer	Franklin	
Attleboro		Freetown	
Auburn		Georgetown	
Ayer		Gloucester	
Bedford		Grafton	
Bellingham		Groton	
Belmont		Groveland	
Berkley		Halifax	
Beverly		Hamilton	
Billerica		Hanover	James Hoyes
Boston	Matt Moran	Hanson	
Bourne		Harvard	Bruce Leicher
Boxborough		Haverhill	
Boxford		Hingham	
Braintree		Holbrook	
Bridgewater	Mike Dutton	Holden	
Brockton	Alan Castaline	Holliston	
Brookline	Heather Hamilton	Hopkinton	
Burlington		Hull	
Cambridge	Susanne Rasmussen	Ipswich	Linda Alexson
Canton		Kingston	
Carlisle		Lakeville	Lia Fabian
Carver		Lancaster	
Chelmsford		Lawrence	
Chelsea		Leicester	
Cohasset	Corey Evans	Leominster	
Concord		Lexington	Susan Barrett
Danvers		Lincoln	
Dedham	Jim MacDonald	Littleton	
Dover		Lowell	
Dracut		Lunenburg	
Duxbury	Brian Glennon	Lynn	
Lynnfield		Princeton	
Malden	Yem Lipp	Quincy	Hon. Tom Koch
Manchester		Randolph	Brian Howard
Mansfield		Raynham	
Marblehead		Salisbury	

Marlborough		Saugus	Mike Serino
Marshfield	Greg Guimond	Scituate	Karen Caulfield
Maynard		Seekonk	
Medfield		Sharon	
Medford	Todd Blake	Sherborn	
Medway		Shirley	
Melrose		Shrewsbury	
Merrimac	Bill Andrulitis	Somerville	Brad Rawson
Methuen		Southborough	
Middleborough		Sterling	
Middleton		Stoneham	Raymie Parker
Millbury		Stoughton	Debra Roberts
Millis		Stow	
Milton		Sudbury	
Nahant		Sutton	
Natick	Josh Ostroff	Swampscott	
Needham		Taunton	William Roth
Newbury		Tewksbury	
Newburyport		Topsfield	
Newton	David Koses	Townsend	
Norfolk		Tyngsborough	
North Andover		Upton	
N. Attleborough		Watertown	Laura Wiener
North Reading		Wayland	Chet Osbourne
Northborough		Wakefield	
Northbridge		Walpole	
Norton		Waltham	
Norwell		Wareham	
Norwood	Joe Collins	Wellesley	Colette Aufranc
Paxton		Wenham	
Peabody		West Boylston	
Pembroke		W. Bridgewater	
Plymouth		West Newbury	
Plympton		Westborough	Zach Boughner
Reading		Westford	
Rehoboth		Westminster	
Revere	Gianni Hill	Weston	
Rochester		Westwood	Steve Olanoff
Rockland		Weymouth	Owen MacDonald
Rockport		Whitman	Dan Salvucci
Rowley		Wilmington	
Salem	Tom Devine	Winchester	
Winthrop		Advisory Board	Staff
Woburn	Tina Cassidy	Brian Kane	Executive Director

Worcester		Amira Patterson	Transpo. Planner
Wrentham		Deborah West	Executive Secretary
		Other/Public	
		Stefan Wuensch	T Rider Oversight Com
		Frank Tramontozzi	Quincy
		MBTA	Staff
		Wes Edwards	
		Melissa Dullea	



Whereas, The MBTA Advisory Board is a government entity created by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161a, section 7A, and is authorized by majority vote to incur expenses, and;

Whereas, Brian Kane holds the position of Executive Director of the MBTA Advisory Board as per an employment agreement signed by the Board’s elected Chair and Vice Chair, and in a form approved by the Board’s General Counsel, with said employment agreement expiring in February 2024, and;

Whereas, the D.L. Saunders Real Estate Corp., as agent for Twenty Park Plaza, LLC is offering 20 Park Plaza, Suite 473, Boston, Massachusetts, for use by MBTA Advisory Board staff in the form of a license agreement;

Now be it therefore resolved, that the MBTA Advisory Board authorizes Brian Kane, Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a license agreement with the D.L. Saunders Real Estate Corp., as agent for Twenty Park Plaza, LLC, for the purposes of the use of managed office space at 20 Park Plaza, Suite 473 for an amount not to exceed \$3,200 per month on a recurring basis, with one-time fees not to exceed \$7,000, and for the period not to exceed 24 months

Brian Kane
Executive Director

Date