



MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 10, 2025

- A. Call to Order:** The Chair, Hon. Tom Koch (Quincy), called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM via Zoom, and led Advisory Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- B. Discussion and action on the Minutes of the May 16, 2025 meeting:** The draft meeting minutes having previously been distributed, Brian Glennon (Duxbury) moved to approve the minutes as presented. Debra Roberts (Stoughton) seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.
- C. Discussion and action on the recommendation of the Operating Budget Oversight Committee to accept its report and authorize its transmittal to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority:** The FY26 Operating Budget Oversight Report having previously been distributed, D. Roberts (Operating Budget Oversight Committee Chair) presented the analysis and findings of the committee.
- a** Chair T. Koch thanked D. Roberts and the committee for their work.

- b** Rob Scherer (Ashland) asked for examples of the growth in consultant costs. Brian Kane (Executive Director) answered that as headcount numbers increase, it would be expected that third-party consultant costs would go down, which has not happened yet. This is the authority's plan for the coming years, so the committee hopes to see that realized.
- c** Lenard Diggins (Arlington) commented on a formatting error.
- d** Susan Barrett (Lexington) asked if the Advisory Board could continue to monitor, and further investigate, these hiring increases and their relative effects on capacity. B. Kane answered that the authority has experienced a brain drain in the past few decades as they lost in-house talent, and the T's current strategy is to build this back in the engineering and maintenance area so they can rely less on third-party contractors.
- e** B. Kane commented that the document had undergone some last-minute changes due to receiving new information about the numbers in the Legislature's budget plan. He requested that the Chair include in the approval motion a stipulation for additional grammatical edits prior to final release.
- f** Chair T. Koch commented that as the MBTA Advisory Board's representative on the T Board of Directors, he chairs the Workforce Development and Committee. The committee has made several adjustments to attract and

backfill large gaps in roles such as bus drivers and police force. As a result of these changes, the MBTA has had greater success filling positions.

- g** The Chair requested a motion to accept the report and authorize its transmittal to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which Dan Salvucci (Whitman) made, and R. Scherer seconded. The motion was approved without objection.

D. Review of Fiscal Cliffs Around America: Isabella MacKinnon (Budget & Policy Analyst) presented research on the national state of public transportation, and the fiscal cliffs faced by agencies in Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and California.

- a** T. Koch thanked I. MacKinnon for the presentation.

- b** S. Barret commented that an interesting follow up might be to look at where transportation is funded well, in the United States or abroad.

E. Old Business | New Business | Next Meeting: The Advisory Board will next meet in September. R Scherer invited Advisory Board members to the June 18 Passenger/Regional Rail Committee meeting where Keolis and MBTA officials will join to provide updates.

F. Adjourn: Chair T. Koch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting which R. Scherer made. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Note: These minutes were approved by vote of the Advisory Board at their 10/1/25 meeting.

Attendees

Abington		Lowell		Tyngsborough	
Acton		Lunenburg		Upton	
Amesbury		Lynn		Wakefield	
Andover		Lynnfield		Walpole	
Arlington	Lenard Diggins	Malden		Waltham	
Ashburnham		Manchester		Wareham	
Ashby		Mansfield		Watertown	Steve Magoon
Ashland		Marblehead		Wayland	
Attleboro		Marlborough		Wellesley	Colette Aufranc
Auburn		Marshfield	Greg Guimond	Wenham	
Ayer		Maynard		West Boylston	
Bedford		Medfield	Gus Murby	West Bridgewater	Adam Linn
Bellingham		Medford	Todd Blake	West Newbury	
Belmont	Patrice Garvin	Medway		Westborough	
Berkley		Melrose		Westford	
Beverly		Merrimac		Westminster	
Billerica		Methuen		Weston	

Boston		Middleborough		Westwood	Steve Olanoff
Bourne		Middleton	Kyle Smith	Weymouth	
Boxborough		Millbury		Whitman	Daniel Salvucci
Boxford		Millis		Wilmington	
Braintree		Milton		Winchester	
Bridgewater	Bob Rulli	Nahant		Winthrop	
Brockton	Alan Castaline	Natick		Woburn	
Brookline	Erin Chute	Needham	Duncan W. Allen	Worcester	Todd Kirrane
Burlington		New Bedford		Wrentham	
Cambridge	Andy Reker	Newbury			

Canton		Newburyport			
Carlisle		Newton	David Koses		
Carver		Norfolk			
Chelmsford		North Andover			
Chelsea	John DePriest	N. Attleborough			
Cohasset		North Reading			
Concord	Mark Howell	Northborough			
Danvers		Northbridge			
Dedham		Norton			
Dover		Norwell			
Dracut		Norwood	Joe Collins		
Duxbury	Brian Glennon	Paxton			
E. Bridgewater		Peabody		MBTA Advisory Board	Brian Kane
Easton		Pembroke		MBTA Advisory Board	Hanna Switekowski
Essex		Plymouth		MBTA Advisory Board	Isabella MacKinnon
Everett		Plympton			
Fall River		Princeton			

Fitchburg		Quincy	Thomas P. Koch Frank Tramontozzi		
Foxborough		Randolph			
Framingham	Mike Tusino	Raynham			
Franklin		Reading			
Freetown		Rehoboth			
Georgetown		Revere	Tom Skwierawski		
Gloucester		Rochester			
Grafton		Rockland			
Groton		Rockport			
Groveland		Rowley			
Halifax		Salem	Brendan Linard		
Hamilton		Salisbury			
Hanover		Saugus			
Hanson		Scituate			
Harvard		Seekonk			
Haverhill	Christine Lindberg	Sharon	Kiana PierreLouis		
Hingham	Joe Fisher	Sherborn			
Holbrook	Katie Goldrick	Shirley			
Holden		Shrewsbury			
Holliston		Somerville			
Hopkinton		Southborough			
Hull		Sterling			
Ipswich		Stoneham	Raymie Parker		
Kingston		Stoughton	Debra Roberts		
Lakeville		Stow			
Lancaster		Sudbury			
Lawrence		Sutton			
Leicester		Swampscott			
Leominster		Taunton			
Lexington		Tewksbury			



Lincoln		Topsfield			
Littleton		Townsend			