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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
May 19th, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance via zoom & hybrid meeting:

Board members	EMTA Staff	Guests
Ashley Lawson	Jeremy Peterson	Jared Mellott
George Willis (Absent)	Dave Robinson	Tyler Titus
Lyn Twillie-Darby (In Person)	Ed Torres	
Ron Jones (V)	Dani Duran	
Shantell Hilliard (Absent)	Vicky Takach	
Dr. Ben Wilson (V)	Sarah Morrison	
Jill Nagy (Absent)	Branden Montgomery	
	Adriana Sornberger	

The board meeting was called to order at 4:02PM.

Ashley Lawson asked for approval of the May 19, 2025, meeting agenda. Lyn made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

Ashley Lawson asked for approval of the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes. Ron made a motion to approve. Lyn seconded. Motion passed.

SOLICITORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CEO REPORT:

- **Kickoff Erie Transit Development Plan** – April 30th; Next meeting mid to late June
- **Companion Bill** – Traveled to Harrisburg May 5th; Senate bill 597, senate trying to push (Modernization Transit Funding)
- **Rider Appreciation Week**
- **PPTA Spring Conference** – Staff traveled to Lancaster
- **FTA Triennial Review** – May 20-22nd

SOLICITOR REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Vicky reviewed the April preliminary reports. Ron made a motion to approve. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion passed.



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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- As of April 28th there have been 8 applications submitted; 6 for the LIFT and 2 for Fixed Route. 2 new LIFT drivers started today and another starts tomorrow. There are currently 2 Fixed Route drivers in training.
- HR Generalist was supposed to start May 26th but rescinded their offer on May 16th and will no longer be joining EMTA. There is a new person to interview soon.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- Route changes take effect Saturday June 7th - Return of Presque Isle Express (Route 33) and marks the end of the university routes for the summer. Route 105 and Cultural Loop; Working closely with Erie Philharmonic to update contract and changes will also take effect June 7th.
- Rider Appreciation Days – 5,186 Fixed Route rides and 165 ADA rides for Free Fare Day, Wednesday May 7th.
- PPTA – Conference in Lancaster last week.
- 4th Annual 14th Fest – June 12th on 14th Street. Free community event with family activities, local vendors and live music.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: April ridership stats: 140,320 rides for fixed route and 11,611 rides for LIFT with 3,303 of them being ADA rides.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: None

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE: Attempting to set up the next negotiation meeting with the union for the fixed route contract for late June.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ashley Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyn made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24PM.

The next meeting will be **June 23rd, 2025** via **ZOOM** and In-person @ 4:00 p.m.