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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
September 22, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance via zoom & hybrid meeting:

Board members	EMTA Staff	Guests
Ashley Lawson (Absent)	Jeremy Peterson	Freda Tepfur
George Willis (In Person)	Dave Robinson	Mary Lee
Lyn Twillie-Darby (In Person)	Ed Torres	Sean Summers
Ron Jones (In Person)	Dani Duran	
Shantell Hilliard (V)	Vicky Takach	
Dr. Ben Wilson (V)	Sarah Morrison	
Jill Nagy (Absent)	Branden Montgomery (Absent)	
John Trucilla (V)	Adriana Sornberger	
Dave Cannon (V)		

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

Dr. Wilson asked for approval of the September 22, 2025 meeting agenda. George made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion passed. August 25, 2025 meeting minutes. Lyn made a motion to approve. George seconded. Motion passed.

SOLICITORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Freda would like to see public involvement in the planning process. She also asked how SEPTA's delay in their budget will affect EMTA.
- Mary had questions about a bus stop.

CEO REPORT:

- **Met with Executive Director of Erie Philharmonic**
- **Attended APTA Boston Conference**
- **Met with Montagna Concrete Builders, coming up with plan to get one portion of the Intermodal parking lot done before winter. Project will be finished in spring of 2026**
- **Attending annual SAFTI meeting**
- **State College PennDot update**
- **Received first check from Montauk**



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- Presented to City of Erie zoning board – retail space was zoned improperly (heavy industrial) and coded completely different than zoned. Voted in favor of proper zoning. Odis 12 plans to open sometime during the first quarter of 2026.

SOLICITOR REPORT: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Vicky reviewed the August preliminary reports. (Pending Audit) Ron made a motion to approve. Lyn seconded. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- 50 new applications received for the LIFT and 7 for Fixed Route. Interviews will be conducted next week.
- EMTA is still looking for an HR Generalist, 2 people have been interviewed.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- Travel trainings, Truck Day and senior fairs
- Promote Cultural Loop – looking for sponsors
- Erie Otters commercial
- Spooky trolley
- 4th Quarter newsletter
- Stuff the bus date TBD (thinking first Friday in December)
- Indeed push on hiring with digital ads (1k/month)
- Content creation with Lake Erie Life

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

- August ridership stats: 125,990 rides for Fixed Route and 11,012 rides for LIFT with 3,112 of them being ADA rides.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

- Intermodal work scheduled and Odis 12 business (Jeremy already covered)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: None

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE: Arbitration scheduled for March 2026; working to get the union to come up with a contract while waiting. No meeting date set yet, but should know more in October for contract discussion and negotiation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Dr. Wilson made a motion to approve the Token transit contract e-vote formal ratification. George made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion passed.



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NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyn made a motion to adjourn. George seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25PM.

The next meeting will be **October 27, 2025** via **ZOOM** and In-person @ 4:00 p.m.