

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County was held on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Authority's Administration Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

Board Members:

Robert Hurley, Chair
Senator Jim Brewster
Jeff Letwin
John Tague
Rob Vescio
D. Raja
Representative Dom Costa
Constance Parker
Robert Kania
Michelle Zmijanac
Joel Lennen, General Counsel

Media:

M. Daniels, Tribune Review
Ed Blazina, Post-Gazette

Port Authority Staff:

Ellen McLean, chief executive officer, Bill Miller, Chief Operations Officer, Jim Ritchie, Communications Officer, Mike Cetra, assistant general manager Legal and Corporate Services, Pete Schenk, chief financial officer, Keith Wargo, assistant general manager Engineering and Technical Support, Barry Adams, assistant general manager Human Resources, Breen Masciotra, Communications coordinator, Robert Sechler, Professional Services contract specialist, Sheila Dillard, director Internal Audit, Nancy Vandling, manager Contract Administration, Ed Typanski, director Grants and Capital Programs, Tony Trona, director Purchasing and Materials Management, Mike Compel, manager Bus Operations, Michael Smith, route foreman, Melissa Rubin, Public Relations coordinator, Inez Colon, director Employment, Cindy Denner, Engineering and Construction contract specialist, Diane Williamson, executive assistant

Other

Molly Nichols, PPT, Glenn Walsh, Carolyn Lenigan, Jonathan Robison, ACTC, Joan Natko, ACTC, Jim Robinson, ACTC, M. Regina White, Brian Krul, Transystems, Casy Stelitano, PPT, Pete Wagner, BMA, Judy Gumash, Community Leaders United for Beechview

Following the pledge of allegiance, the Chairman called the Annual Meeting to order for the purpose of electing new officers.

The Chairman called on Mr. Robert Kania, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for a report. Mr. Kania first thanked his fellow committee members, Mr. Tague and Mr. Vescio, for their assistance.

Mr. Kania reported that the slate of officers recommended for election for Calendar Year 2016 by the Nominating Committee is Robert D. Hurley, Chairman; Thomas E. Donatelli, Vice Chairman; Senator Jim Brewster, Secretary; and Ms. Constance Parker, Treasurer.

In addition to these officers, the Nominating Committee recommended the following staff members: Peter Schenk, Assistant Treasurer and Michael Cetra, Diane Williamson, Rebecca Janicik, Melenie Walker and Julie Leistner as Assistant Secretaries.

The Chairman asked if there were any other nominations at this time. There being no other nominations, Mr. Hurley requested a motion to accept the nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee.

The Chairman recognized the honorable Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Chief Executive, who wished to speak to the Board at this time. Mr. Fitzgerald wanted to come and thank the Board for the great work they are doing. He noted that 2015 was a very good year. Ridership was up, advertising revenue was up, and probably more importantly, he believes the image of the agency is up.

County Executive, Fitzgerald then thanked our drivers, mechanics and employees. He is hearing a lot of good anecdotal evidence that they have been very helpful to folks, particularly seniors and people in the disability community who need help. He then thanked the Chairman, the Board and CEO, Ellen McLean and her team for really working together and making sure that things run smoothly. We know with an agency which handles over 200,000 passengers a day with many, many routes, not everything is going to go smoothly and according to plan in every single instance.

Mr. Fitzgerald wanted to particularly thank the Board for some of the projects that have happened recently like the Monongahela Incline project. There was a lot of concern around Labor Day and "Light Up" Night, as it is a big opportunity for the business community on Mt. Washington. The Authority was able to keep the incline running for both events by making sure the construction stayed on schedule.

Mr. Fitzgerald also thanked the agency for the work on the Red Line project in Beechview, noting that the maintenance in that area is probably overdue. Mr. Fitzgerald said that he has been meeting with many of the stakeholders, Senator Fontana, Representative Deasy, Mayor Peduto and his office, and councilwoman Natalia Rudiak on this project.

County Executive Fitzgerald then thanked Senator Brewster for the work in Baldwin. I know some of the folks there were concerned about bus service in their community and we were able to enhance some of the existing service and provide opportunities for people to be able to use the system. He also thanked Representative Costa for the work in getting bus service into RIDC.

Mr. Fitzgerald concluded his remarks by stating that although he has been talking to a lot of the Board individually over the last year, he wanted to come publicly and say what a great job this Board is doing. Thank you on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County and this region. We know how important transit is for our overall economy, for individual people, for our businesses and for the vibrancy of this region as we continue to grow.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned.