

Laketran
February 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27, 2023
4:00 pm-6:00 pm Eastern Time

1. **Meeting Notice**

2. **Meeting Called to Order**

President Brian J. Falkowski called the Laketran Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:00 pm

3. **Roll Call**

Brian J. Falkowski

William R. Eppich

Donna McNamee

Daniella Nunnally

Lane H. Sheets

Gary L. Swanson

Charles J. Zibbel

Benjamin S. Capelle

Brandon D. R. Dynes

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All

5. **Mission Statement**

Mr. Zibbel

6. **Public Comments**

Lewis Burlingame resides at 4880 Brooksdale Road in Mentor Headlands. After thanking everyone for the service Laketran provides he asked if the Route 8 bus could skip the lay over at the headquarters location and continue to make it's route. He pointed out that a smaller bus is currently being used and there is no need for the lay over to charge an electric bus. He also asked if the shelter at head quarters could be modified along the top to block the rain.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve the Laketran Board of Trustees Board Meeting minutes of January 30, 2023 was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. McNamee.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

"Abstain": Swanson

8. **Executive Session**

- a. Motion to enter into executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code was made by Ms. Nunnally - Seconded by Ms. Stenger at 4:07 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel
"NAYS": None

Discussion was had about union negotiations which consisted of what the demands are from the union, status of negotiations, and the next steps

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Pizmoht at 4:28 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

- b. Motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Stenger at 4:29 p.m.

Discussion was had about salary increases for employees.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. Nunnally at 5:21 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

9. **Agenda Items**

- a. Motion to approve the December 2022 Operating & STS Financial Statements, subject to audit and Capital Plan Review was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Stenger

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

- b. Motion to approve resolution 2023-004 authorizing the CEO or his designee to enter into a contract with Don Parker Sales, Inc. to purchase a mobile column vehicle lift system at a cost not to exceed forty-nine thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$49,300.00) was made by MS. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. Stenger.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

- c. Motion to approve resolution 2023-005 authorizing the CEO, or his designee, to enter into and execute a contract with Geauga County Commissioners and Geauga County Transit for the operation of Geauga County Transit was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. McNamee

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": Messrs. and Mmes. Sheets

10. **Six Month Look Ahead**

11. **CEO Report**

- a. Revised 5 Year Forecast

12. **Committee Reports**

- a. Special Projects Committee

No Report at this time

13. **Old Business**

- a. Board Committee survey results discussion

Mr. Falkowski shared the results of the survey with the top choice being adhoc only as the top choice which he pointed out is what we are currently doing. No further discussion.

- b. Resolution to approve non-union salaries

Motion to approve resolution 2023-006 requiring board approval for compensation increases to each non union person was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. Nunnally

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger and Swanson

"NAYS": Messrs. and Mmes. Zibbel

Motion made to amend the resolution by adding the word salaried in front of non-union person was made by Ms. Pizmoht- Seconded by Ms. Nunnally

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger and Swanson

"NAYS": Messrs. and Mmes. Zibbel

- c. Mr. Falkowski stated the procurement process is underway for a strategic plan, board members will have the opportunity to be a part of the interview process and give input.

- d. Motion to request legal counsel to seek the opinion of the attorney general on statute 5739.023 was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Mr. Sheets.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger and Swanson

"NAYS": Messrs. and Mmes. McNamee and Zibbel.

- e. Set up a work session in March for rules and regulations

14. **New Business**

Mr. Capelle explained a consent agenda and how using it could keep board meetings on schedule by approving routine items such as previous minutes, financials and annual grants ahead of time. It will be tested for the next board meeting with the understanding the board could go back to the old way at any time.

15. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Laketran Board of Trustees meeting was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. McNamee at 6:31 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger, Swanson and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

Benjamin S. Capelle
Secretary/ Treasurer

Brian J. Falkowski, President
Laketran Board of Trustees