

Laketran
May 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting
May 22, 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 p.m.

3. **Roll Call**

William R. Eppich

Donna McNamee

Daniella Nunnally

Laura Pizmoht

Lane H. Sheets

Kim Stenger

Gary L. Swanson

Charles J. Zibbel

Benjamin S. Capelle

Brandon D. R. Dynes

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All

5. **Mission Statement**

Mr. Zibbel

6. **Oath of Office**

a. Brian J. Falkowski

b. Lane H. Sheets

c. Kim Stenger

Legal Counsel, Mr. Dynes administered the Oath of Office to renew three current board members Brian J. Falkowski, Lane H. Sheets and Kim Stenger. Congratulations.

7. **Public Comments**

None

8. **Approval of Minutes**

a. Motion to approve the Laketran Board of Trustees Board Meeting minutes of April 24, 2023 was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. McNamee.

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

"NAYS": None

9. **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. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Nunnally at 4:04 p.m.

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

"NAYS": None

The first executive session provided a discussion on the status of the union negotiations. Mr. Capelle provided the board with an update of where negotiations stand, and the board briefly discussed the same.

Motion to come out of the first executive session was made by Mr. Zibbel - Seconded by Ms. McNamee at 4:14 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger 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 4:15 p.m.

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

"NAYS": None

The seconded session involved a discussion about employee classification and compensation which includes issues with promotion, etc.

Motion to conclude the seconded session was made by Ms. Nunnally - Seconded by Ms. Stenger at 4:24 p.m.

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

"NAYS": None

10. **Agenda Items**

- a. Motion to approve the March 2023 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 and Zibbel

"NAYS": None

- b. Motion to approve resolution 2023-011 authorizing the Geauga Transit 2023 Operating Budget not to exceed \$1,050,000 (estimate is based on part of June through December 31, 2023) and the Laketran ODOT Transition Budget not to exceed \$300,000 was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Pizmoht

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

"NAYS": Sheets

- c. Motion to approve resolution 2023-012 authorizing the CEO or his designee to enter into and execute a contract with JTO for the construction of a bus shelter at the Alliance for Working Together Transformation Training Center at a cost not-to-exceed one hundred thirty-eight

thousand two hundred sixty dollars and 00/100 (\$138,260.00) was made by Mr. Zibbel -
Seconded by Ms. McNamee
"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, McNamee, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Stenger and Zibbel
"NAYS": None

d. Motion to approve resolution 2023-013 authorizing the CEO or his designee to enter into and execute a contract with Lake County Landscape and Supply for the construction of a bus shelter at Lake Erie College at a cost not-to-exceed one hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars and 00/100 (\$166,161.00) was made by Ms. Pizmoht - Seconded by Ms. Nunnally

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

"NAYS": None

11. Six Month Look Ahead

12. CEO Report

Mr. Capelle shared a list of ten services he and his staff would like to add. They narrowed it down to the top two, the first choice is to add same day dial-a-ride and the second pick would be to provide airport service. After a brief discussion the board decided they would like a short detailed overview of all ten choices.

13. Old Business

a. Rules and Regulations

Mr. Zibbel reported to the board the special board meeting resulted in leaving Article 1 as it is. Article 1 is the process to follow to remove a board member. Article V Fiscal Matters could allow the board to increase the spending threshold of the CEO up to \$100,000 it was decided to leave the amount the same at \$25,000 and to get the full board's opinion. Article VII indemnification which was determined legal council will need to meet with OTRP to gather further information.

After the board discussed Article VI two motions were made as follows:

Motion to increase the General Managers spending authority to \$100,000 was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Stenger

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. McNamee and Stenger

"NAYS": Messrs. and Mmes. Eppich, Nunnally, Pizmoht, Sheets, Swanson and Zibbel

Motion to increase the General Managers spending authority to \$50,000 was made by Ms. McNamee - Seconded by Ms. Stenger

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. McNamee, Stenger and Zibbel

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

Mr. Sheets made a motion to have legal council review/draft the rules and regulations then present them to the board. The motion was not second, legal council still needs to meet with OTRP over Article VII

14. New Business

None

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Laketrans Board of Trustees meeting was made by Mr. Pizmoht - Seconded by Mr. Eppich at 5:39 p.m.

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

"NAYS": None

Benjamin S. Scott

Secretary/Treasurer

Brian J. Falkowski, President

Laketrans Board of Trustees