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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
June 23, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance via zoom & hybrid meeting:

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

The board meeting was called to order at 4:01PM.

Ashley Lawson asked for approval of the June 23, 2025, meeting agenda. Dr. Wilson a motion to approve. George seconded. Motion passed.

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

SOLICITORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Freda would like to see a board member that's a rider. She also said that the former Greyhound area in the intermodal would make a nice cooling station for riders. Sheila also said that she would like to see a board member that is a rider on fixed route and LIFT. She also expressed concerns about no service offered on Sunday's. She also stated that a driver waved her and didn't let her get on in the past.

CEO REPORT:

- **Welcomed new board members** – John Trucilla and Dave Cannon
- **New 3-year agreement with Gannon University** – Verbal agreement, awaiting signature.
- **Preparing for Rodeo in August.**
- **EMTA throwing first pitch at Seawolves game on Saturday, August 9th.**
- **Attended SAFTI Annual Retreat held in State College** – everything looking good
- Continue to work with Senator Laughlin and Representative Bizzaro on Transit

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Build.

- Montauk Renewable Fuel Credits awaiting registration before we can cash in credits for CNG usage.

SOLICITOR REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: July board meeting will be cancelled and replaced with mandatory board training.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Vicky reviewed the May preliminary reports. George made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- The committee accepted FY 2026 budget as presented. Withdrew motion and approved the recommendation.
- 86 applicants who applied to LIFT dispatch position. Position filled.
- There have been 12 new applications submitted. 2 new LIFT drivers start next week.
- EMTA is still looking for an HR Generalist.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- 4th annual 14th Fest on June 12th
- Presque Isle Express is underway (commissioned social media account to make content)
- Planning underway for mural additions with ECAT.
- Updates to route 105.
- Underway for planning the Rodeo.
- 8 Great Tuesdays start in July.
- New 3-year agreement with Gannon University – Verbal agreement, awaiting signature.
- New signed contract from PennWest Edinboro.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: May ridership stats: 142,474 rides for fixed route and 11,144 rides for LIFT with 3,175 of them being ADA rides.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: None

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT: 14th Fest

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:28PM.

The next meeting will be August 25th, 2025 via ZOOM and In-person @ 4:00 p.m. (July meeting CANCELLED and replaced with mandatory training for board members.)