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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
August 25, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance via zoom & hybrid meeting:

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

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

Lyn Twillie-Darby asked for approval of the August 25, 2025, meeting agenda. Dave made a motion to approve. George seconded. Motion passed.

Lyn Twillie-Darby asked for approval of the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Ron 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. She would also like to see a rider as a board member and to bring back Sunday service.

CEO REPORT:

- **Staff lunch on July 11th** – Recognized Zach Downes (Maintenance Supervisor) for 20 years at EMTA
- **Mural to recognize Mike Will** – 50 years at EMTA, renamed south highway of EMTA "Mike Will Way"
- **Met with Kathy Dahlkemper and Christina Vogel** – Talked about EMTA
- **Quarterly meeting with county executive Brenton Davis** – Updated him on transit funding and the transit development plan
- **Met with legislative consultant** – Discussed transit funding

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- **Introductory meeting with Branden Mendoza** (Head of Chamber in Commerce in Erie)
- **Hosted company picnic to show appreciation for employees**
- **Concrete bids for intermodal**
- **Announced Odis 12 moving in as tenant**
- **Provided shuttles for Tall Ships – shuttled around 12k people**
- **Hosted PPTA Rodeo – Fixed Route driver Rob Proctor took 1st place**

SOLICITOR REPORT: None

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

- **George announced the concrete bids at the intermodal were awarded.** 6 bids were received and Montagna, the highest ranked, is recommended. George made a motion on behalf of the planning committee to award the contract to Montagna for \$1,528,387. George made a motion to approve. Shantell seconded. Motion passed.
- **George received a list of ECTA projects and discussion about the local match required for the projects.** This is for insurances for the public transportation capital agreement application to certify the local match. This would allow Jeremy to sign. George made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Vicky reviewed the June preliminary reports. George made a motion to approve. Shantell seconded. Motion passed.
- Vicky reviewed the July preliminary reports (pending audit). Ron made a motion to approve. Shantell seconded. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- There have been 40 new applications submitted. 5 people in training for LIFT and 2 in the onboarding process.
- EMTA is still looking for an HR Generalist, 19 applications have been received so far.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- **EMTA mural complete – “Mike Will Way”**
- **Travel training and Senior fairs**
- **8 Great Tuesdays wraps up August 26th – Shuttles were successful**
- **Hosted PPTA Rodeo**
- **Route changes – End of Presque Isle express, starting university routes again**
- **Press conference August 21st for Odis 12 announcement**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

- **June ridership stats:** 98,256 rides for fixed route and 10,671 rides for LIFT with 2,793 of them being ADA rides.
- **July ridership stats:** 112,471 rides for fixed route and 11,500 rides for LIFT with 3,098 of them being ADA rides.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: None

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE: Fixed route contract has expired; attorney is coming up with dates to negotiate. LIFT contract was sent to arbitration and is active.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Lyn Twillie-Darby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38PM with an executive session to follow.

The next meeting will be **September 22, 2025** via
ZOOM and In-person @ 4:00 p.m.