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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
October 27, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance via zoom & hybrid meeting:

Board members	EMTA Staff	Guests
Ashley Lawson	Jeremy Peterson	Tyler Titus
George Willis (V)	Dave Robinson	
Lyn Twillie-Darby (In Person)	Ed Torres	
Ron Jones (In Person)	Dani Duran (Absent)	
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 4:02PM.

Ashley Lawson asked for approval of the October 27, 2025 meeting agenda. Ron made a motion to approve. George seconded. Motion passed.

Ashley Lawson asked for approval of the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes. George made a motion to approve. Lyn seconded. Motion passed.

SOLICITORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Paula Reade would like to see changes to the system to provide regional transportation, especially to Pittsburgh Airport.

CEO REPORT:

- Annual SAFTI meeting in State College; 100% compliance in workers' compensation and auto loss. 90% compliance on safety risk score card.
- Met with Daria Devlin, Derek Martin, Brendon Mendoza and Julie Slomski-Gave updates for each authority and future goals.
- Jeremy and Ashley met with Port Authority.
- Dave and Jeremy met with Toby Fauver to go over systems overview and market assessment for the TDP.
- Final interview for an HR Generalist on 10/28.
- Meeting with Erie Insurance on 10/28 to work on an agreement for their

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- employees. Possible contract.
- Signed agreement as of 10/27 with Erie Events for 2026 Great Tuesdays and events.
- Odis 12 update: design is being worked on and will take 4-5 weeks. Once design is approved that will take about 8-10 weeks to complete.
- Concrete project with Montagna Concrete started at intermodal on 10/22. Some will be done this fall and completion will be spring 2026.

SOLICITOR REPORT: None

CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:

- Ashley Lawson made a motion to waive the by-laws to hold over until the executive committee elections are held at the November board meeting rather than in December. George made a motion to approve. Ron seconded. Motion carried.
- Ashley Lawson made a motion to cancel the December board meeting. Lyn made a motion to approve. Shantell seconded. Motion carried.
- Shantell and Ron will be serving on the nominations committee. Anyone planning to run for executive committee will email Shantell and Ron prior to the November board meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Ashley and Jeremy met with Port Authority.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Vicky reviewed the September preliminary reports. (Pending Audit) Shantell made a motion to approve. Dr. Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Second interview for HR Generalist on 10/28. Hopefully by next meeting position can be announced as filled.
- 48 new applications received for the LIFT and 35 for Fixed Route. 2 fixed route drivers hired and in training. 1 driver hired for LIFT, also in training.
- According to personnel committees' policies and procedures the CEO must be reviewed. Process will be started and taken care of by the end of the year.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- Spooky trolley
- Zoo Boo scarecrow – took 2nd place
- 10/31 driver Halloween costume contest
- Staff breast cancer awareness day
- Meeting with community partners to get sponsors for the cultural loop (would allow EMTA to expand the free services and hours)
- Travel training with MCRC, USCRI, OVR, GECAC, NARFE and Girard School District
- Working on promotion for Second Harvest Food Bank and UPMC Marketplace



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- Almost ready to make formal announcement for Stuff The Bus – December 5th at Millcreek Mall 11AM-7PM in the Primanti Brothers parking lot
- Looking forward to the winter goods drive after the new year

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

- **September ridership stats:** 129,465 rides for Fixed Route and 112,99 rides for LIFT with 3,140 of them being ADA rides.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Jeremy covered everything.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE: None

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ashley Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shantell made a motion to adjourn. George seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21PM followed by an executive session.

The next meeting will be November 17, 2025 via
ZOOM and In-person @ 4:00 p.m.