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**Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Board Meeting
July 27, 2026
MINUTES**

Attendance via TEAMS & hybrid meeting:

Board members	EMTA Staff	Guests
Ashley Lawson (V)	Jeremy Peterson	
George Willis	Dave Robinson	
Lyn Twillie-Darby	Ed Torres	
Ron Jones	Dani Duran	
Shantell Hilliard (V)	Vicky Takach	
Dr. Ben Wilson	Sarah Morrison	
Jill Nagy (V)	Sara Little	
John Trucilla (V)	Taylor Patten	
Dave Cannon (V)		
Chelcie Alcorn (V)		

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

Ben Wilson asked for approval of the July 27, 2026, meeting agenda. Ron Jones moved to approve the agenda. George Willis seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Wilson asked for approval of the June 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. George Willis moved to approve. Ron Jones seconded. Motion passed.

SOLICITORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

CEO ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CEO REPORT:

- Reported that site plans and feasibility documents for the proposed 16th Street property acquisition were submitted to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority, allowing the phased purchase process to continue.
- Reported on EMTA's participation in the first 8 Great Tuesdays event of the season on July 7. The event provided opportunities for community engagement and conversations with elected officials, which led to a follow-up meeting with Mayor Devlin at EMTA. Staff were recognized for coordinating EMTA's presence and supporting the organization's visibility in the community.
- Reported meeting with representatives from Otis 12 to discuss the potential use of additional parking at the 14th and Holland surface lot during evening hours. A

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follow-up meeting is planned to continue discussions.

- Noted that the annual employee picnic was well attended and expressed appreciation to staff for organizing and supporting the event, which has become a well-established employee appreciation tradition.

SOLICITOR REPORT: none

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: none

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- No report was presented. Staff reported they are currently preparing year-end financial information and audit materials.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Fixed Route Operator: Received 24 applications; six applicants met qualifications and were scheduled for interviews.
- LIFT Operator: Received 48 applications; 16 applicants met qualifications, with six interviews scheduled. One new employee began on July 20, and two additional candidates are in the hiring process.
- LIFT Dispatcher: One new employee began on July 6.
- Mechanic B: Received 14 applications; five applicants met qualifications, three interviews were scheduled, and two candidates are in the hiring process.
- Utility Position: Received four applications; two applicants met qualifications, and one interview was scheduled.

MARKETING COMMITTEE:

- Continued providing shuttle service for 8th Great Tuesdays.
- Provided shuttle service for the July 3 America250 fireworks celebration.
- Continued work to support PennWest's transition to Token Transit.
- Production planning began with MenajErie for promotional commercials to be filmed in August.
- Began reviewing advertising rates for implementation in 2027.
- Administration hosted a well-attended employee appreciation picnic.
- Attended the Disability Pride Event with Voices for Independence in Perry Square and have upcoming outreach with the Erie Zoo Senior Fair, Representative Bizzarro Senior Fair, and Widget Kids Carnival.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

- June ridership stats: 105,839 rides for fixed route and 11,035 rides for LIFT, with 3,167 of them being ADA rides.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

- Reported that discussions regarding the TOD project are ongoing, with no formal updates at this time.
- Commended staff and project partners for their presentation on the Transit Development Plan at the Erie Together meeting, noting the information was

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well received and generated positive discussion.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE:

- The committee reported continued progress on the fixed-route collective bargaining agreement. Negotiations have been productive and conducted in good faith, with the remaining discussions focused primarily on the pension multiplier.
- The next bargaining session is scheduled for August 6, with labor counsel expected to attend. The committee is optimistic that a tentative 3½ to 4-year agreement will be ready for ratification by both parties in September.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: none

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The chairman reported on a meeting with Mayor Devlin to discuss EMTA operations, future initiatives, and plans for the recently acquired property. The discussion emphasized continued collaboration among the City, EMTA, and community partners to ensure future investments benefit the surrounding neighborhood. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the Board and EMTA staff and support for the Authority's strategic direction.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Ben Wilson asked for approval to adjourn the meeting. George Willis made a motion to approve. Ron Jones seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16PM.

The next meeting will be August 24, 2026 via TEAMS and In-person @ 4:00 p.m.