

**Triangle Transit Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 23, 2008**  
Board Room, 68 T.W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Bell	Sig Hutchinson
Joe Freddoso	Ellen Reckhow
Alice Gordon	William G. Smith
Bob Hinshaw	Bill Strom (left 3:14 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:**

Jean Davis (excused)	Kenneth Spaulding
Jeff Merritt (excused)	Nina Szlosberg (excused)

Chair Sig Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**Action:** On motion by Strom second by Hinshaw the agenda was adopted, adding an item regarding the re-naming of the paratransit service. The motion was carried unanimously.

**II. Recognition**

**A. Introduction of New Hires**

General Manager David King announced the hiring of Kimberly Johnson, customer service representative; bus operators Lee-Ann O'Neal, Michael Spivey, Alfonza Currie and Jeffery Burton; and paratransit operators Gerry Mauro, Anita McPherson, Sandra Sheppard and Rodney Simmons.

**B. Announcement of Promotions**

King then congratulated Carolyn Williams for her promotion from bus operator II to bus operator III, Teresa Dawson from Customer Service Representative II to Customer Service Supervisor and Pearl Waite from Dispatcher II to Dispatcher III.

General Manager King presented three *Above and Beyond Awards*, the first going to Brian Fahey. Several passengers were inadvertently left at the 6 Park Drive Bus Transfer Center and facing an hour wait for the next bus. Fahey, on his own initiative, took these passengers to their destinations. King then presented two awards related to the office relocation, one to Terry Rekeweg who prepared countless iterations of the floor plan for the new facility and inventoried all the office furniture. Stephen Wilson also received an award for hiring the moving company and working with IT on the move of the telephones and computers.

**III. Public Hearings**

None.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Martyn Johnson, a rider of route 305 who requested that the Board consider adopting a student fare.

Reckhow asked that staff seriously look into this request.

Hutchinson then recognized Graham Olive, Jr. who stated the need for a commuter rail system. He also asked about connections to the Wake Park Shopping Center.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

**Action:** On motion by Strom and second by Reckhow the consent agenda was adopted, removing adoption of the minutes of June 25, 2008. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- Approved DBE goal of 5% for Federal FY 2009 (Resolution 2008 0011).

#### **VI. Presentations**

##### **A. Carbon Trading & Transportation Reauthorization: Prospects for the Next Congress**

Tim Profeta, Director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, made a presentation, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

##### **B. C-Tran/Cary Transit**

Ray Boylston, Transit Services Administrator made a presentation on the Town of Cary's transit service, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

#### **VII. General Business Agenda**

##### **A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**Action:** On motion by Gordon and second by Strom the minutes of the June 25, 2008, regular session meeting were approved with the deletion of the following sentence "Gordon noted that by providing funds for buses now it positions Triangle Transit for a major investment in the future." The motion was carried unanimously.

##### **B. Personnel Committee Report**

None.

##### **C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report**

Committee Chair Ellen Reckhow stated that the Committee discussed the draft Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and released it for public comment after several suggested changes.

###### **1. Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)**

Emily Yasukochi noted that changes were made to the section "Consider revisions to the Triangle Transit service jurisdiction." Additionally she said the capacity enhancement project was added to FY09 as well as the addition of two sections: summary of public feedback and acknowledgements.

She noted that NCCU representatives were not acknowledged because they did not sit in on the monthly partners meetings; however, individual meetings were held with representatives from NCCU.

Gordon requested a change to the language regarding route 420 schedule improvements, noted in italics: more consistent, predictable, *and improved* headways.

**Action:** On motion by Reckhow and second by Smith the Board adopted the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) as presented with the change as requested by Gordon above. The motion was carried unanimously. The SRTP is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Smith stated that NCCU representatives would be available and attend future meetings.

#### **D. Operations & Finance Committee Report**

None.

### **VIII. Other Business**

#### **A. General Manager's Report**

David King highlighted the following:

- Recent meeting with Duke University and Mayor Bell to discuss Duke's role in bus and rail transit.
- Staff is gathering information to address the issue of the regressive nature of sales tax which has arisen related to the Intermodal Congestion bill. Reckhow suggested comparing the cost of the average commute trip in Triangle to a transit trip.
- Jeff Parker and Associates have almost completed a new financial model.
- The administrative offices are moving today and through the weekend.
- The new Wake Forest service has been well received, with the park-and-ride lot already almost to capacity. The celebration for this new service was held recently with Bob Hinshaw, Sig Hutchinson and former Board member Anne Franklin in attendance.
- Discussed the bus performance report, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes. He noted that additional frequencies are needed on some of the express routes and there is some unproductive service which needs to be improved or possibly eliminated in order to reprogram those dollars and vehicles.
- Duke has decided to offer a subsidized fare.
- King recognized Amy Armbruster who announced that Triangle Transit plans to offer a fare free transit day during "Try Transit Week" in coordination with DATA and CAT to correspond with Car Free Day on September 22.

**Action:** On motion by Smith and second by Gordon the Board approved a Fare Free Day on September 22 during Try Transit Week. The motion was carried unanimously.

**B. General Counsel's Report**

General Counsel Wib Gulley stated that the two new outside counsel firms are under contract. He also said that Triangle Transit has a lease with LC Industries and is awaiting approval from the Imperial Center Associates for the Regional Transfer Center.

**C. Chair's Report**

Board Chair Sig Hutchinson stated that the TriMAP meeting was excellent with Congressman Price speaking about the highway and transit accounts going insolvent in 2009 and 2012, respectively. He also said that RTA has chosen transit as its top issue moving forward. He said a Friends of Transit group is getting organized and he also is talking with groups about the issue of the regressive nature of sales taxes. Reckhow again encouraged education with facts such as the cost to an average family of a ½ cent sales tax. Additionally, she suggested calculating what a family could save if one member of the household used transit and parked a car or even gave up a car.

**D. Board Member Reports**

**1. CAMPO TAC Representative**

CAMPO did not meet.

**2. DCHC TAC Representative**

Alice Gordon stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is being discussed.

**3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative**

Previously covered in the chair's report.

**E. Re-Naming of Paratransit Service**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Amy Armbruster, who stated that the last effort associated with the re-branding project is the re-naming of Triangle Transit's paratransit service. She said the Accessible Services Advisory Committee will meet in August and recommend a new name to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Strom left.

**F. New Business**

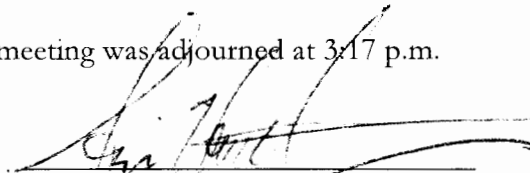
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**IX. Closed Session(s)**

None.

**X. Adjournment**

**Action:** On motion by Gordon the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

  
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Sig Hutchinson, Chair

Attest:

  
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Michelle C. Dawson, CMC  
Clerk to the TTA Board