



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Board of Trustees**  
**August 10, 2022**

**Board Members Present (via virtual/audio roll call):**

Abuzuaiter, Marikay – City of Greensboro  
Alston, Skip – Guilford County  
El-Amin, Fleming – Forsyth County  
Frye, Darrell – Randolph County  
Horn, Mike – Winston -Salem/Forsyth TAC  
Morris, Rick – Stokes County  
Mundy, Kevin – City of Winston-Salem  
Richardson, Mark – Rockingham County  
Truell, Don – Davidson County  
Williams, Leonard – Burlington-Graham TAC Wolfe,  
Martha – High Point TAC

**Others Present:**

Scott Rhine – CEO/General Manager, PART; Tom Terrel, Fox Rothschild, LLP; Connie Conklin, PART;  
Tammy Turner, PART; Papper Bristol, PART; Andrew Sowers, PART, Chris Robbins, PART

**I) Call to Order – Roll Call of Teleconferencing**

**A. Consideration of Resolution for Teleconference and Electronic meetings for August 10th, 2022.**

PART Board action is requested to adopt the resolution on page 2 for our business activities today, and our ability to restrict public meetings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Motion to approve the August 10th, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting by Remote and Electronic Means: Don Truell**

**Second: Mark Richardson**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 11- Yes**

**II) Public Speakers Registered via [contactus@partnc.org](mailto:contactus@partnc.org)**

There were no public speakers.

**III) Report from PART Board Committee**

Scott Rhine stated there will be more activities that require planning this year and board members are encouraged to join any of the three committees. (Operations/Planning, Personnel, Finance)

The PART Board Operations/Planning committee met on July 13, 2022. Committee members in attendance included Marikay Abuzuaiter, Sharon Hightower, Mike Horn and Kevin Mundy.

Customer Survey Results (Triad System wide, Randolph Co.) received good feedback and participation. Route 10 went into service August 1st. We will have more information on ridership. Schools will be utilizing that service. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) updates and activities are off to a good start for this fiscal year.

**IV) Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

The June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 PART Board of Trustees meeting minutes were accepted without revisions.

**Motion to accept the June 15th, 2022 meeting minutes: Mark Richardson**

**Second: Lenny Williams**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**

**V) Consideration of Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve FY22-23 Public Transit Agency Safety (ASP) Plan**

Scott Rhine recognized the PART Planning staff for their good work. FTA is utilizing our agency Safety Plan as an example of best practices on their web portal.

**B. Approve FY22-23 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan**

Scott Rhine stated these are annual updates with no major changes. They will be shared with our MPOs and NCDOT.

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Mark Richardson**

**Second: Don Truell**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**

**VI) Consideration of PART Board Business Items**

**A. New Business**

**1. Approval of Property Dispositions**

North High Point park and ride

Scott Rhine, In 2015 NCDOT released the property to Hedgecock Holdings. PART has federal funds invested in that park and ride lot. There has been private sector interest. There is a developer (Adams Property Group) that is interested in purchasing that property for residential mixed use. They understand PART's investment and that there is a depreciating value. Scott and PART attorney will work on establishing the exact depreciating value to receive those funds at closing with Adams Group and Hedgecock Holdings.

**Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the PART CEO/General Manager and Legal counsel to close on Property Rights by: Darrell Frye**

**Second: Lenny Williams**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**

Pilot Mt. 2 park and ride

Scott Rhine, We have three federally funded park and ride lots in Surry Co. We still have responsibilities regarding that federal asset. We have received appraisals on all three lots in Surry Co. There is a developer that is interested in purchasing the lot located at 671 South Key Street in Pilot

Mountain. Lot's appraised value is \$470,000. Appraised value and review appraisal to be sent to the FTA to obtain their consent. Of the 470,000, 80% is federal shared funds. In the previous property disposition cases, PART has put the funds in a reserve account to be used for upcoming capital purchases. We will need to confirm if we will retain the 80% federal share or send back to US Treasury.

Discussions: We are exempt from public notice and have not solicited for competitive bidding. Lot 1 and lot 2 are close in proximity, therefore losing Lot #2 would be a lost asset but Lot #1 would serve as a backup. Providing a targeted project with our intended usage of funds will be presented in our case to retain the 80% share.

**Motion to approve the resolution by the PART Board to authorize the PART CEO/General Manager and legal counsel to sale property rights at 671 South Key Street, Pilot Mt., NC by:**

**Mark Richardson**

**Second: Darrell Frye**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**

**2. Zero Emissions Fleet and Infrastructure (presentation)**

Due to timing, we will plan to follow-up on this topic and include for the Operations/Planning committee for a more detailed presentation. Costs and details that go into the infrastructure of electric and hybrid vehicles will require more discussion.

**3. Approval of a Proclamation in support of North Carolina's bid for 2027 World University Games**

Scott Rhine presented video for the bidding of the 2027 University Games. PART has been working with Go Triangle and agencies in the Triad. UNCG is the Triad's main venue but there are activities in High Point and Elon University. Committee is coming to review transportation, housing, and sporting event's facilities. The ease of access to the venues will be reviewed and we are presenting to the selection committee our best efforts for NC to be the host of the games.

**Motion to approve the proclamation in support of the North Carolina bid for the 2027 World University Games by: Don Truell**

**Second: Mark Richardson**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**

**B. Old Business**

**1. Information Item – Surry County**

Scott Rhine, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we stopped service on PART express. Board approved a subsidy for the Vanpool program through the end of the calendar year. We have not picked up a vanpool. In July, a letter was received from Surry County attorney and commissioners inquiring about the elimination of the vehicle tax. We have vanpool programs and people that still utilize our park and ride lots in Surry County. The Town of Pilot Mountain passed a resolution and still want us to provide the public service as well as Mount Airy. We are within the jurisdiction to provide service to Pilot Mountain, but outside the ten-mile territory to service Mount Airy. Tom Terrell, met with the county attorney to clarify confusion and concerns about Vanpool services and PART bus services.

Discussion followed regarding tax districts. Consenting authority from the county is required when establishing a special tax district. Local decisions are controlled by the state legislature.

Towns do have legislative authority to dedicate local collections for transportation and roadway improvements.

**VII) CEO/General Manager Report**

Scott Rhine provided updates and information items for Departmental Staff reports and the CEO/General Manager updates that is included in the agenda packet.

**VIII) Chairperson Report**

Marikay Abuzuaiter stated there was an Operations/Planning committee meeting in July and the committee needs one or two more members.

Marikay and Sharon Hightower won their elections.

Lenny Williams stated one of their members passed away from a heart attack. He ran for office four times and won the last election and served for 90 days.

PART shirts are ready for pickup.

Quorum is needed in September.

There being no further business Chairperson Abuzuaiter asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion to adjourn: Don Truell**

**Second: Leonard Williams**

**Vote: Unanimous 11-Yes**