



Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority
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LANTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

LANTA Rider Resources Center, Bethlehem, PA

Members Attending: Mike Lichtenberger – Chair of the Authority; Fred Williams – Treasurer of the Authority; Matt Malozi; and Iris Linares.

Members Attending via Webinar / Teleconference: Sheila Alvarado – Secretary of the Authority; Jared Mast; Kim Schaffer; and Amy Beck.

Members Absent: Becky Bradley; Jennifer Ramos; Beth Halpern; and Matt Rozsa.

Staff and Contractors Attending: O. O’Neil, N. Ozoa, B. Cotter, T. Williams, A. Yacko, Ja. Ozoa, M. Khan, J. Berry – LANTA Staff. Kent Herman – Solicitor.

Public Attending: Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure; Jessica Berger – Northampton County Department of Administration; Maurice Wells.

Public Attending via Webinar/Teleconference: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Mike Lichtenberger, Chair of the Authority.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was conducted by Mr. O’Neil.

3. Public Comment

During Public Comment Maurice Wells noted that the bus stop waiting shelter at Hanover Avenue and Wahneta Street had not yet been replaced after being removed due to damage and asked if there are plans to install a shelter on Hanover Avenue at the State Hospital site as part of the redevelopment plan for that location.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 11, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Malozi and seconded by Mr. Williams.

5. Report of the Chair

As part of the Report of the Chair, Mr. Lichtenberger noted that he had attended LANTA's public meeting on March 21 and commended the LANTA staff who conducted the meeting including Mr. Lightner and Mr. Jordan. Mr. Lichtenberger noted that the content of the presentation was well-organized and staff did a very good job of answering all questions from the attendees.

Mr. Lichtenberger also reminded all Board members to submit their PA Ethics Statement of Financial Interest form to Mr. O'Neil by May 1.

Mr. Lichtenberger then noted that Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure was in attendance at the Board meeting. He thanked Executive McClure for joining the meeting and for his support of LANTA. He then invited Mr. McClure to make any comments he would like to make.

Executive McClure thanked the LANTA Board and LANTA staff for their work. He noted that he was proud of the members of the LANTA Board that he had personally nominated or renominated during his time as County Executive. He thanked the Board members for their service on the Board and commitment to LANTA. Executive McClure also cautioned attendees to remain diligent in paying attention to proposed program cuts at the federal level which could impact local government's ability to fund vital services.

6. Report of the Committees

- A. Finance Committee – Mr. Williams, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on Tuesday April 8 prior to the Board meeting. As part of the agenda, staff presented the financial statements for the LANTaBus, LANTaVan, and Carbon Transit operating divisions for February 2025, subject to audit, which are attached. The meeting included a detailed presentation and discussion of the financial statements.

On a motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Malozi, the Board voted to approve the LANTaBus, LANTaVan, and Carbon Transit financial statements for February 2025, subject to audit.

Mr. Williams then concluded the Committee report.

- B. Administration & Safety Committee – Ms. Alvarado, Chair of the Administration & Safety Committee, reported that the Administration & Safety Committee met on Tuesday April 8 prior to the Board meeting. As part of the agenda, staff presented the Administration & Safety Dashboard Report which covered employee headcount, current vacancies, and training completed in January. The report is included in the meeting packet.

The agenda also included updates on Bus Operator training for the new fare technology as well as an update on the Federal Transit Administration triennial review schedule.

Ms. Alvarado then concluded the Committee report.

- C. Service Support & Planning Committee – Mr. Malozi, Chair of the Service Support & Planning Committee, reported that the Committee did not meet in April and that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday May 13.
- D. Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee – Ms. Linares, Chair of the Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee, reported that the Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee did not meet in April and that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday June 10.

7. Other Items

- Members of the Board and staff discussed the upcoming public open house regarding the new Valley Ride fare collection system, FY 2026 budget preparations, Bethlehem Transportation Center improvements, and advocacy efforts for transit funding legislation at the state level.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



5/13/2025

Sheila Alvarado
Secretary

Date