



Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority
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LANTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

LANTA Administrative Offices, Allentown, PA

Members Attending: Mike Lichtenberger – Chair of the Authority; Becky Bradley – Vice Chair of the Authority; Sheila Alvarado – Secretary of the Authority; Matt Malozi; and Iris Linares.

Members Attending via Webinar/Teleconference: Fred Williams – Treasurer of the Authority; Beth Halpern; and Jared Mast.

Members Absent: Kimberly Schaffer; Jennifer Ramos; Amy Beck; and Matt Rozsa.

Staff/Contractors Attending: O. O’Neil, N. Ozoa, B. Cotter, T. Williams, J. Polster-Abel, J. Ozoa, AJ Jordan, Ja. Ozoa, R. Checo - LANTA Staff; K. Herman – Solicitor.

Public Attending: Maurice Wells.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Mike Lichtenberger, Chair of the Authority.

2. Public Comment

During Public Comment Maurice Wells noted that there is no direct service to the Lehigh Valley Mall site on Sundays as part of the June service changes and that the nearest stop is on Grape Street. He said that is too far for people to walk to the mall and that Sunday service into the mall should be restored. Mr. Wells also noted that the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT) was holding a rally in support of public transportation funding in Bethlehem the Thursday of the week of the meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the June 10, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Alvarado and seconded by Ms. Linares.

4. Report of the Chair

As part of the Report of the Chair, Mr. Lichtenberger addressed the election of the Board officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. At the June 10, 2025 Board meeting, the Board Officers Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the fiscal year 2025 - 2026. The slate includes:

Chair – Mike Lichtenberger

Vice Chair – Becky Bradley

Secretary – Sheila Alvarado

Treasurer – Matt Malozi

Mr. Lichtenberger called for any additional nominations from the floor.

No additional nominations were offered.

On a motion made by Mr. Malozi and seconded by Mr. Mast, the Board voted to elect the slate of candidates as set forth by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Lichtenberger thanked the Board members for the confidence they placed in him to act as Chair for a second year and also thanked the members of the Nominating Committee as well as all Board members for their continued service.

Mr. Lichtenberger then concluded the Report of the Chair.

5. Report of the Newly Elected Chair

Mr. Lichtenberger thanked Mr. Williams for his multiple consecutive terms as Board Treasurer and expressed the Board's appreciation for Mr. Williams' continued service on the Board.

Mr. Lichtenberger then announced the Committee Chair assignments for the coming year. The Finance Committee will be chaired by Board Treasurer, Matt Malozi; the Administration Committee will be chaired by Board Secretary, Sheila Alvarado; the Service Support & Planning Committee will be chaired by Board member Kim Schaffer; and the Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee will be chaired by Board member Iris Linares.

Mr. Lichtenberger also reminded the Board of the importance of advocating to state legislators for the passage of transit funding legislation. The passage of this legislation is imperative for LANTA to avoid significant service reductions in the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Lichtenberger then concluded his report.

6. Report of Committees

None

7. Other Items

- A. For Consideration of Approval - Optional Extension Year – Diesel Fuel Purchase and Delivery Contract - Mr. Cotter presented a recommendation for the exercise of the second of two one-year optional extensions to the diesel fuel purchase and delivery contract with Petroleum Traders Corporation. The recommendation summary is attached.

On a motion made by Ms. Bradley and seconded by Ms. Alvarado, the Board voted to approve the extension of the contract with Petroleum Traders Corporation as presented.

- B. Update - 2025 Musikfest LANTA Services and Partnerships – Mr. Jordan provided an overview of the services LANTA will be providing for Musikfest 2025 in partnership with the City of Bethlehem, the Bethlehem Parking Authority, and ArtsQuest. The partnership will again include free rides on LANTA EBS service when boarding at designated stops during the festival.
- C. Update – Valley Ride Implementation – Mr. O’Neil provided an update on the Valley Ride fare collection system implementation. The summary is attached.
- D. Update – Transit Funding Legislation – Mr. O’Neil reported that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives had passed transit funding legislation, HB 1364, in June. The legislation is currently awaiting action by the State Senate. LANTA continues to work with the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association (PPTA) to advocate for the final passage of the legislation.
- E. Update - Other Items not on the Agenda – Ms. Bradley reported that LANTA’s Enhanced Bus Service (EBS) project had been selected for Carbon Reduction funding through the

LVTS selection process. The final award will be reviewed by the LVTS Technical and Coordinating Committees at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Polster-Abel reported that he had attended the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) conference on behalf of LANTA. The conference included information sessions concerning the employer actions needed in response to Executive Orders. Mr. Jordan commended Kris Leh of LANTA's Service Control Center for being invited to speak at an APTA event regarding LANTA's service control practices. Mr. Jordan noted that communications to drivers and riders regarding detours and other service impacts has improved significantly since the implementation of the Service Control Center.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



8/19/2025

Sheila Alvarado
Secretary

Date