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LANTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025
LANTA Administrative Offices, Allentown, PA

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

Members Attending via Webinar / Teleconference: Fred Williams; Jennifer Ramos; Jared Mast; and Amy Beck.

Members Absent: Becky Bradley; Sheila Alvarado; Kim Schaffer; Beth Halpern; and Matt Rozsa.

Staff and Contractors Attending: O. O'Neil, N. Ozoa, J. Polster-Abel, T. Williams, A. Yacko, J. Ozoa, A. Jordan – LANTA Staff. Kent Herman – Solicitor.

Public Attending: Maurice Wells; Craig Beavers.
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**

   Maurice Wells commented that service reductions were going into place at SEPTA the Monday following the meeting. Mr. Wells expressed that transit is a necessity and that people rely on the service. Mr. Wells also complimented the new information centers which were installed on each bus.

Craig Beavers expressed that LANTA does excellent work in coordinating with municipalities and developers regarding transit needs in land use development. He specifically complimented the work of Ms. Wood and Mr. Jordan of the LANTA staff.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 8, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Linares and seconded by Mr. Malozi.

5. Report of the Chair

As part of the Report of the Chair, Mr. Lichtenberger thanked the Lehigh Valley delegation to the state legislature for the continued attention to the need to pass transit funding legislation as part of this year's state budget. While there is disagreement about funding mechanisms, both chambers of the legislature have now passed versions of funding legislation. LANTA encourages continued discussion and hopes for an agreement that can result in enhanced funding levels that will allow LANTA to avoid potentially significant service reductions later in this fiscal year.

Mr. Lichtenberger then concluded the Report of the Chair.

6. Report of the Committees

A. Finance Committee – Mr. Malozi, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on Tuesday August 12. As part of the agenda, staff presented the financial statements for the LANtaBus, LANtaVan, and Carbon Transit operating divisions for May and June 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. Malozi and seconded by Ms. Ramos, the Board voted to approve the LANtaBus, LANtaVan, and Carbon Transit financial statements for May and June 2025, subject to audit.

Mr. Malozi reported that the Pension Committee also met on Tuesday August 12. The agenda included a presentation by the actuary, Foster & Foster, of the January 1, 2025 valuation reports for the union and non-union pension plans. The valuation reports showed funding levels with the union plan at 97 percent and the non-union plan over 100 percent. Any funding level over 90 percent is considered not-stressed by the state.

The meeting also included a presentation of the investment performance report for the second quarter of calendar year 2025 by the investment manager, Marquette Associates. The investment performance report also showed strong returns for the quarter. The reports from the actuary and the investment manager were made available to all Board members prior to the meeting and hard copies are available upon request.

Mr. Malozi then concluded the Committee report.

B. Administration & Safety Committee – On behalf of Ms. Alvarado, Chair of the Administration & Safety Committee, Mr. O'Neil reported that the Administration & Safety Committee met on Tuesday August 12. As part of the agenda, staff presented the Administration & Safety Dashboard Report which covered employee headcount, current vacancies, and training completed in March. The report is attached.

Staff presented a recommendation to award a contract for a five-year tire lease program for the service fleet. The recommendation summary is attached.

On a motion made by Mr. Malozi and seconded by Ms. Ramos, the Board voted to approve the award of a contract for a five-year tire lease program to Bridgestone-Firestone Americas Tire Operations.

Staff also presented a recommendation to award a two (2)-year contract for janitorial services for LANTA facilities. The recommendation summary is attached.

On a motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Mast, the Board voted to award a two-year contract for janitorial services to Preferred Building Services, Inc.

Mr. O'Neil then concluded the Committee report.

C. Service Support & Planning Committee – On behalf of Ms. Schaffer, Chair of the Service Support & Planning Committee, Mr. Malozi reported that the Committee met on Tuesday August 19 prior to the Board meeting.

As part of the agenda, staff presented the Service Support & Planning Dashboard report for the period of April through June 2025. The report is attached. The Dashboard shows that reliability, preventive maintenance and detail cleaning metrics were all above benchmark.

The agenda included a summary of new shelter installations and planned locations for the next few months. A summary is attached.

In addition, staff provided updates on service planning efforts including a recap of service performance during Musikfest. Staff also provided an update on the launch of phase 1 of the ValleyRide fare collection program.

Mr. Malozi then concluded the Committee report.

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 August and that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday September 9.

7. Other Items

- Mr. Polster-Abel noted that LANTA would be celebrating its Employee Appreciation Day on Friday September 12.
- Mr. O'Neil complimented the LANTA employee team, and especially Mr. Lightner, on the successful roll out of the first phase of the ValleyRide system.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

9/9/2025

Sheila Alvarado Date
Secretary