Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority
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LANTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026
LANTA Administrative Offices, Allentown, PA

Members Attending: Mike Lichtenberger – Chair of the Authority; Sheila Alvarado – Secretary of the Authority; Kimberly Schaffer; and Iris Linares.

Members Attending via Webinar/Teleconference: Fred Williams; Vicky Kistler; and Amy Beck.

Members Absent: Beth Halpern; Matt Malozi; Jennifer Ramos; Jared Mast.

Staff/Contractors Attending: O. O'Neil, B. Cotter, T. Williams, K. Cashatt, AJ Jordan, E. Tavares - LANTA Staff; K. Herman – Solicitor.

Public Attending: Doug Peters, Ben Hoker Quinn, Lincoln McCloud, Sarah Lyden, Renee Fernanda, Connor Descheemaker.

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Mike Lichtenberger, Chair of the Authority.

2. **Public Comment**

   During Public Comment Ben Hoker Quinn, Lincoln McCloud, Sarah Lyden, Renee Fernanda all provided comment noting the negative impacts of the service reductions and fare increase implemented by LANTA over the past year; emphasized the importance of public transportation in the lives of Lehigh Valley residents; and urged the Pennsylvania legislature to pass new transit funding legislation to allow systems like LANTA to avoid further service reductions and fare increases.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board of Directors meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Kistler and seconded by Mr. Williams.

4. <u>Report of the Chair</u>

As part of the Report of the Chair, Mr. Lichtenberger thanked Becky Bradley for her sixteen years of service on the LANTA Board of Directors. Ms. Bradley stepped down from the Board earlier this year when her most recent term expired.

Becky started on the LANTA Board when she was still with the City of Easton Planning Department and continued with us as she became the Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Becky's experience and expertise played a vital role in many of LANTA's accomplishments during her tenure.

Mr. Lichtenberger then addressed the election of the Board officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. At the June 9, 2026 Board meeting, the Board Officers Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the fiscal year 2026 - 2027. This slate includes:

Chair – Sheila Alvarado
Vice Chair – Kimberly Schaffer
Secretary – Mike Lichtenberger, and
Treasurer – Matt Malozi

Mr. Lichtenberger called for any additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were offered.

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

Mr. Lichtenberger thanked the Board and staff of LANTA for their confidence in him to elect him Board Chair and he expressed his gratitude for the experience.

Mr. Lichtenberger then turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair, Sheila Avlarado.

5. <u>Report of the Newly Elected Chair</u>

Ms. Avarado thanked the members of the Board for selecting her as Chair.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Alvarado thanked Mr. Lichtenberger for his service as Board Chair over the past two years. During Mr. Lichtenberger's tenure, LANTA has completed the renovation of the Bethlehem Transportation Center, implemented the Valley Ride fare collection system, and made continuous improvements to service delivery. Mr. Lichtenberger also led the LANTA Board through challenges during his tenure, most notably the uncertainty over funding levels and the resulting need to make adjustments to service levels.

Ms. Alvarado announced the Committee Chair assignments for the coming year. The Finance Committee will be chaired by Board Treasurer, Mr. Malozi, and the Administration & Safety Committee will be chaired by Board Secretary, Mr. Lichtenberger. The Service Support & Planning Committee will be chaired by Board member Beth Halpern, and the Service Delivery & Accessibility Committee will be chaired by Board member Jared Mast.

Ms. Alvarado thanked the committee chairs for their willingness to serve in these roles, as well as all Board members for contributing their time and talent.

Ms. Alvarado noted that she looks forward to continuing to work with Vice Chair, Ms. Schaffer, the Board, and the LANTA team to continue the important work of the Authority in delivering high quality and reliable public transportation to the Lehigh Valley.

Ms. Alvarado then concluded the report.

6. Report of Committees

None

7. Actions

A. For Consideration of Approval – Temporary Increase to Fulton Bank Line of Credit - Mr. O'Neil presented a recommendation to approve an amendment to the line of credit agreement with Fulton Bank, temporarily increasing the maximum credit amount to $10 million through December 31, 2026. Mr. O'Neil noted that the increase will help LANTA maintain a sufficient cash position throughout the period during which LANTA does not receive state or federal grant funds as the fiscal year grants transition. The recommendation summary is attached.

On a motion made by Ms. Kistler and seconded by Ms. Schaffer, the Board voted to approve the amendment to the line of credit agreement with Fulton Bank as presented.

B. For Consideration of Approval – FY 2027 PennDOT Capital Assistance Grant Local Match Resolution – Mr. Cotter presented a draft resolution regarding the provision of local matching funds for state capital assistance grants. This is required by PennDOT as part of the approval of LANTA's fiscal year PennDOT capital grants. The draft resolution is attached.

On a motion made by Mr. Lichtenberger and seconded by Ms. Linares, the Board voted to approve the resolution as presented.

C. For Consideration of Approval – FY 2027 NEPA MPO Technical Committee Representation – Mr. Cotter presented a draft letter identifying LANTA's representatives to the NEPA MPO committees. The draft letter is attached.

On a motion made by Mr. Lichtenberger and seconded by Ms. Schaffer, the Board voted to approve the letter as presented.

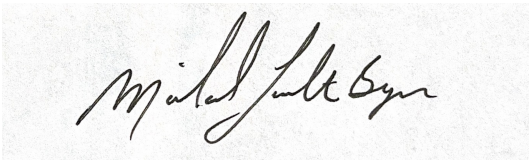
8. Other Items

A. Informational Presentation – WCSD Agreement – Mr. O'Neil noted that LANTA had entered into a revenue guarantee agreement with the Whitehall-Coplay School District (WCSD). Under the agreement, WCSD will provide revenue to support the cost of additional capacity adding trips to LANtaBus service and to fund fare-free access to LANtaBus service for selected students. The arrangement will take effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



8/18/2026

Mike Lichtenberger Date

Secretary

Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes – June 9, 2026 Board Meeting
4. Report of the Chair
    A. Election of FY 2027 Board Officers

5. Report of the Newly Elected Chair

6. Report of Committees
    None

7. Actions

    A. For Consideration of Approval – Temporary Increase to Fulton Bank Line of Credit
    B. For Consideration of Approval – FY 2027 PennDOT Capital Assistance Grant Local Match Resolution
    C. For Consideration of Approval – FY 2027-2028 NEPA MPO Technical Committee Representation

8. Other Items
    A. Informational Presentation – WCSD Partnership

9. Adjournment

TEMPORARY INCREASE OF LINE OF CREDIT

July 7, 2026

To ensure adequate cash flow during the fiscal year grant transition period, LANTA's banking services and line of credit provider, Fulton Bank, has approved a temporary increase to the maximum principal amount of LANTA's line of credit.

This temporary increase would be an amendment to the current line of credit agreement with the following elements:

Temporary Increase in the Maximum Principal Amount of the Loan. The maximum principal amount available under the Loan is hereby increased to Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) for the period beginning on the date hereof through December 31, 2026 (the "Temporary Increase Period"). Borrower promises to pay to the order of the Bank in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note, this Amendment and the Agreement the principal amount of Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) or such other amount as may be advanced by Bank from time to time to Borrower plus interest in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note, this Amendment and the Agreement. Any reference in the Note to the maximum principal amount available under the Loan shall, for the period beginning on the date of this Amendment through Temporary Increase Period, mean Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00). Notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Note, this Amendment or the Agreement, the maximum principal amount available under the Loan shall automatically be reduced to Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00) at the close of business on December 31, 2026. Consequently, at the close of business on December 31, 2026, the maximum principal amount available under the Note shall be Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00). Should the amount outstanding under the Note exceed Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00) at the close of business on December 31, 2026, Borrower shall immediately reduce the principal amount outstanding under the Note to Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000.00) without additional demand or notice.

Interest rate and all other stipulations of the underlying line of credit agreement will remain unchanged.

Legal counsel has reviewed the amendment document and has no concerns.

Staff is recommending Board approval of the temporary increase amendment to be effective the day of the Board meeting through December 31, 2026.

Public Transportation Capital Application (PTCA)

Board Resolution to File Application and to Certify Local Match

The Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Board of Directors resolves and certifies that the requested state amount of $ 464,557 of Section 1514 state discretionary trust funds are requested for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to help pay for projected capital costs, excluding asset maintenance, and that these funds will only be used for this purpose since these funds are ineligible to be used for operating costs. All capital local matching funds shall be collected and available prior to accruing project expenses, committed funds shall be expended in the same fiscal year as the state funds they are matching, and any uncommitted local funds will be used only for capital assistance in a subsequent year.

Further, the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Board of Directors resolves and certifies that in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 that local, or if applicable private, cash matching funds of no less than $ 15,484 will be provided to match the requested amount of state Section 1514 discretionary trust funds.

I Sheila Alvarado, Chair of the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Board of Directors do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of Board of Directors held the 7th day of July 2026.

7/7/2026

(Signature of Official) (Date)

Attested by:

Owen P. O'Neil		Executive Director	7/7/2026
(Name of Attester)	(Signature of Attester)	(Official Title)	(Date)

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RE: NEPA MPO Technical Planning Committee Appointments

Dear Ms. McMahon:

As requested within your letter dated May 4, 2026, please be advised that during our July 7, 2026, Meeting, the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority Board of Directors voted to assign AJ Knee as the Transit Representative and Brendan Cotter as the Transit Alternate to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (NEPA MPO) Technical Planning Committee. We understand that the term for Transit Representatives and Alternates will commence on July 1, 2026, and will expire on June 30, 2028. The contact information for our appointments is as follows:

Representative:
Name: AJ Knee
Title: Director, Planning & Scheduling
Organization: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)
Address: 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103
Telephone: 610-435-4517 ext. 163
Fax:
Email: AKnee@lantabus-pa.gov

Alternate:
Name: Brendan Cotter
Title: Sr. Director, Service Support & Planning
Organization: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)
Address: 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103
Telephone: 484-633-3621
Fax:
Email: BCotter@lantabus-pa.gov

Thank you for your cooperation with seating the above representatives on the committee. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sheila Alvarado
Chairperson
LANTA Board of Directors