

**COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Minutes of November 9, 2021

12:00 Noon

Telephone Conference Call

Present: Kim Smith, Selena Rowell, Gary Lanier, Algernon McKenzie (Chair), Michael Lee, Kay Stephens, Charles Garrett,

Absent: Sylvia Cox, Patrick Flanagan (Vice Chairman), Trelonnie Owens, Briana Williamson, Eddie Beck

Staff: Director Joy Jacobs, First Transit Site Manager Tony Rowell, Asst County Manager Nick West

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Chair Al McKenzie presided.

Chairman Al McKenzie opened the floor to nominations for a new secretary since Samantha Alsup decided she could no longer serve on the TAB board. No nominations were made and no one volunteered. It was decided that Joy Jacobs, director would take the minutes for this meeting while we try to find a new secretary.

Action: A motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2021 meeting was made by Kim Smith and seconded by Charles Garrett. The motion was unanimous.

Reports:

A. Director's Report-

A printed report was distributed by email that detailed the topics that would be discussed at today's meeting.

Director, Joy Jacobs introduced the new assistant county manager, Nick West, to the group. Transportation will now be one of the departments that Nick will be in charge of. Nick was given the floor to speak and he expressed how he was looking forward to working with us.

Topics covered in the report included:

- Contracts with Medicaid brokers are nearly complete along with the Trillium contract
- The YWCA partner with Columbus County Partnership for Children has purchased tickets for some of their clients to use
- We are currently offering free trips for students to SCC and it looks like we may continue this for the rest of the fiscal year
- We are offering free rides to veterans all day on veteran's day
- We participated in the Columbus County Fair Parade and held our annual trunk or treat as part of our community involvement
- The replacement buses for this year have been ordered
- ROAP funding has been re-established for this year and the application has been submitted
- There were charts included in the handouts that showed the funding and statistics for this year so far

B. First Transit Site Manager's Report:

- Mr. Rowell reported that there were no accidents, injuries, complaints or other incidents, this quarter.

Old Business – None.

New business –The SSP annual review and an updated Drug & Alcohol policy needed to be approved. This information was sent to all members before the meeting to review. A motion was made by Charles Garrett and seconded by Kim Smith to approve both as presented. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm

Next meeting will be February 14, 2022. It will be determined closer to that date if we will meet in person or still do this as a conference call. If we still have to do it as a conference call the number to call will be 701-802-5411, access code 3547016.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jacobs, Director

*Members who were absent may request
their printed reports from the director.*