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**MINUTES OF PVTA'S  
PARATRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 24, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Paratransit Committee meeting of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Office located at 2808 Main Street in Springfield, MA, at 10:30 A.M.

**PRESENT:**

Carolyn Brennan, East Longmeadow; Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Marilyn Ishler, South Hadley; Paula Dubord, Wilbraham; Becky Moriarty, Hampden; Paul Burns Johnson, Palmer; Mark Gold, Longmeadow;

Other's Present: Carolyn Hart-Lucien, PVTA; Josh Rickman, PVTA; Brandy Pelletier, PVTA; Price Armstrong, PVTA; David Elvin, PVPC; Hulmes Transportation;

**NOT PRESENT:**

Richard Theroux, Agawam; Steve Huntley, Chicopee;

A quorum being present, Chairperson Carolyn Brennan called the meeting of the Paratransit Committee to order at 10:31am.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3-29-17**

Chairperson Brennan asked for a motion from the Paratransit Committee to approve the Paratransit meeting minutes of March 29, 2017.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded (Dubord/O'Leary) to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2017 Paratransit Committee Meeting.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Mark Gold and Marilyn Ishler Abstained.

Motion passed by a majority vote.

**3. APPROVAL OF EAST LONGMEADOW, HAMPDEN, AND LONGMEADOW PILOT PROGRAM**

Manager of Operations and Planning stated that we are looking for approval on the East Longmeadow, Hampden, and Longmeadow senior van service Pilot Program which would have

those three towns provide van service to residents aged sixty and older. The fare will be \$1.00 per ride within each town and \$2.00 per ride to destinations outside town. The new service pilot will be available on similar days and hours as PVTA's Senior Service; Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m to 4:30p.m.

Mr. Rickman stated that this Pilot Program has a different fare structure which triggered a fare equity analysis. There is no impact or mitigation that needs to be taken.

Information for the public hearings for this Pilot Program was disseminated in multiple ways including:

- Legal Ad's in the Republican as well as La Voz Hispana
- Each of the three communities received a customized flyer to post at their senior center
- Flyers were posted on all vans and buses
- Meeting notice was put onto PVTA's website

Two of the six public hearings had attendees. No members of the public attended from Hampden.

Included in this packet are transcriptions from the public hearings, public hearing notices given to the three communities, and the public hearing notice that was posted on the vans and buses.

Mr. Rickman asked if the committee had any questions.

Chairperson Brennan asked for a motion from the Paratransit Committee to approve the East Longmeadow, Hampden, and Longmeadow Pilot Program.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded (Gold/Burns Johnson) to approve the East Longmeadow, Hampden, and Longmeadow Pilot Program.

Chairperson Brennan asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairperson Brennan stated that the committee has no other business to discuss but would like to make a note for the minutes to be sure as previously discussed that someone from the Paratransit Committee will be sitting on the Paratransit Service RFP.

#### **5. APPROVAL**

The meeting of the Paratransit Committee Adjourned (Burns Johnson/Dubord) at 10:44AM

**A TRUE RECORD**

**ATTEST:**

  
**BRANDY PELLETIER**

**MINUTES APPROVED ON: January 8, 2018**