

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)
COMMISSION MEETING – February 1, 2022 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

[The above Commission Meeting was held in a hybrid format].

ROLL CALL

Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:

Vern Willey (participated via zoom), Kelly Whiting, Doug Elrod, Michael McCoy (participated via zoom), Josh Mandelbaum, Paula Dierenfeld (participated via zoom), Ross Grooters (participated via zoom), Steve Van Oort (participated via zoom), Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (participated via zoom) and Lauren Campbell.

Commissioners Absent:

Jake Anderson and Joseph Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Doug Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Notice of the meeting was duly published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair, Doug Elrod requested a motion to approve the agenda as verbally amended with the correct date/year.

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Kelly Whiting to approve the February 1, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Garland from Des Moines asked if the Commission could consider more accessible bus shelters and provided suggestions for efficiency for bus service from the suburbs to downtown Des Moines. DART staff will be following up appropriately.

Mr. Garland from Des Moines shared his observations on lack of snow shoveling at the bus stop near his home at Hubbell Avenue and E. Douglas in Des Moines. Commissioner Mandelbaum will be looking into this with the City of Des Moines.

Mr. Washington asked for information about the flex payments for Paratransit and DART staff provided information he needed to answer his concerns.

CONSENT ITEMS

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2022

7B – 2022 DART Commission Weighted Vote

7C – Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Membership

7D – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

7E – Quarterly Investment Report

7F – December 2021 Financials

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the consent items with an amendment to remove agenda item 7B from the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

8A – FY2023 Budget Public Hearing Date

It was moved by Michael McCoy and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the Public Hearing on the FY2023 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

8B – Bus Shelter and Bench Purchase

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the purchase of bus shelters and benches from Tolar Manufacturing at a cost Not to Exceed \$650,000. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chair, Doug Elrod, adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

*****OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE NEXT DART COMMISSION MEETING DATE IS HEREBY PUBLISHED:**

The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8, the DART Commission has determined that it is still impractical or impossible to require all Commission members, staff, and the public to be physically present for this Commission meeting. Accordingly, both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the March 1, 2022 Commission meeting will be offered as follows: (1) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting in person in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and (2) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such virtual meeting option are as follows:

<https://ridedart.zoom.us/j/86140990444?pwd=b2FveUpvdkNCNmZZcEF0bFZDN3F6UT09>

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