

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)
COMMISSION MEETING – January 3, 2023 – 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, Kelly Stearns, Doug Elrod (left at 12.21pm), Srikant Mikkilineni, Josh Mandelbaum, Andrew Borcharding, Paula Dierenfeld (left at 1.25pm), Ross Grooters, Steve Van Oort, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble, and Lauren Campbell

Other Commissioners Present:

Tara Cox

Commissioners Absent:

Joseph Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Doug Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 presented.

It was moved by Kelly Stearns and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to approve the January 3, 2023, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5 - DART COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTION

Andrew Borcharding, Nominating Committee member, presented the proposed Officer slate in accordance with the substituted and restated DART 28E agreement that commenced on October 1, 2017 and the proposed Restated Bylaws.

The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Commissioners Trimble (Chair), Borcharding and Willey, nominated the following Commissioners as officers starting immediately, through the end of calendar year 2023: Chair – Russ Trimble, Vice Chair - Josh Mandelbaum, Secretary/Treasurer – Ross Grooters, At-Large – Bridget Montgomery and At-Large – Kelly Stearns.

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Srikant Mikkilineni to approve the slate of Officers as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2022

7B – 2023 DART Commission Weighted Vote

7C – FTA FY2023 Buses and Bus Facilities Grants Program Application

7D – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update

7E – New TRAC Members Approval

7F – Interim CEO Signing Authority

7F – November 2022 Financials

It was moved by Kelly Stearns and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

8A – 2023 State Legislative Priorities

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the 2023 State Legislative Priorities as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8B – Executive Search Firm Contract

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to award an Executive Search Firm contract to Krauthamer & Associates, based upon the DART Search Committee recommendation, for a maximum fee of \$75,000 plus expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

8C – DART Strategic Plan

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Kelly Stearns to approve the 2023-2026 DART Strategic Plan. The motion was carried unanimously.

8D – February Service Change

It was moved by Kelly Stearns and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the above listed service change to the select fixed route effective February 19, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair, Josh Mandelbaum, adjourned the meeting at 1:34 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, February 7, 2023, 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 February 7, 2023 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/83998943600?pwd=TzllbzI4V1ZCSnZleXZRNHM1N1Ridz09&from=addon> Meeting ID: 839 9894 3600 Passcode: 936137