

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)
COMMISSION MEETING – March 7, 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, Tara Cox (arrived at 12.37pm), Srikant Mikkilineni, Josh Mandelbaum, Andrew Borcherding, Paula Dierenfeld, Ross Grooters, Steve Van Oort, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble, and Joseph Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russ Trimble 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 Russ Trimble requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Srikant Mikkilineni to approve the March 7, 2023, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

8A – Commission Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2023

8B – June Service Change

8C – January 2023 Financials

8D – DART CEO Search – Position Description Approval

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Vern Willey to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES

Amber Dakan, Finance Director, provided a brief background on the FY2024 Budget and shared that due to the impact of SF 181, we will need to set a second public hearing. However, as the March 7 public hearing was set, the public hearing was held.

Chair, Russ Trimble opened a Public Hearing at 12.23 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2024 budget and tax levy rates and asked for comments from the floor.

Two members of public spoke about service-related issues but no members of the public came forward to comment regarding the FY2024 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

Chair, Russ Trimble closed the Public Hearing of the FY2024 Budget and Tax Levy Rates at 12.28 p.m.

No action was taken was taken.

ACTION ITEMS:

10A – Public Hearing on FY 2024 DART Budget and Tax Levy Rates for April 4, 2023

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to set the second Public Hearing date for the FY2024 budget to April 4, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

10B – DART CEO Search – Search Timeline Approval

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the process/timeline that was shared with the DART Commission to successfully recruit for DART's new Chief Executive Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

10C – City of Des Moines Bus Stop Amenity Search

It was moved by Ross Grooters and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the proposed license agreement with the City of Des Moines for the installation of bus stop amenities in the public right of way, subject to further approval by the DART Commission if the proposed license agreement is substantially modified from what was provided in the Commission packet.

10D – Light Duty Bus Procurement

It was approved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the purchase of five (5) New England Wheels Front Runner Light Duty Buses from Hoglund Bus Co. Inc at a cost Not to Exceed \$1,2500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

15. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Tara Cox that the Commission adjourn the regular session and reconvene in closed to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently pending

litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage DART's position

Roll Call: Willey - Yea, Whiting – Nay, Cox – Yea, Mikkilineni – Yea, Mandelbaum – Yea, Borcharding - Yea, Dierenfeld - Yea, Grooters - Yea, Van Oort – Yea, Montgomery – Yea, Trimble – Yea, Jones – Yea.

Chair, Russ Trimble recessed the regular meeting at 1.02pm
No action was taken during the closed session.

At 1.39 pm, it was moved by Srikant Mikkilineni and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum that the closed session be adjourned, and the regular session be reconvened. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Roll Call: Willey - Yea, Whiting – Nay, Cox – Yea, Mikkilineni – Yea, Mandelbaum – Yea, Borcharding - Yea, Dierenfeld - Yea, Grooters - Yea, Van Oort – Yea, Montgomery – Yea, Trimble – Yea, Jones – Yea.

ADJOURN

Chair, Russ Trimble, adjourned the meeting at 1:40 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, April 4, 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 April 4, 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/81030802664?pwd=YUxaZFc0YWxTM2NIL245Ui9zWWIHQT09&from=addon> Meeting ID: 810 3080 2664 Passcode: 792108