

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – May 4, 2021 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

**[The above Commission Meeting was held via Zoom. The Commission determined that it is impossible and impractical for all members of the Commission, staff and members of the public to be physically present at this Commission meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and that it is necessary to conduct this Commission meeting by electronic means.]**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:**

Vern Willey, Kelly Whiting, Michael McCoy, John Edwards, Josh Mandelbaum, Jill Altringer, Paula Dierenfeld, Ross Grooters, Len Murray, Angela Connolly, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble and Joseph Jones

**Commissioners/Alternates Absent:**

Doug Elrod

**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 Joseph Jones and seconded by Vern Willey to approve the May 4, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2021

7B – Quarterly Investment Report

7C – March 2021 Financials

It was moved by Michael McCoy and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

8A – 40' Heavy Duty Bus Purchase

It was moved by Angela Connolly and seconded by Michael McCoy to approve a purchase order with New Flyer of America for ten (10) Heavy Duty Buses for the Amount Not to Exceed \$5,200,000. The motion carried unanimously.

8B – Bus Shelter Installation Services Contract

It was moved by Ross Grooters and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve contracts with Southeast Constructors and Jackson Contracting to provide Bus Shelter Installation Services. Each contract will be three (3) years with two (2) individual one (1) year options Not to Exceed = \$1,300,000 (includes 5% contingency). The motion carried unanimously.

8C – Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act Funding Letter of Interest

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Vern Willey to approve DART submitting a Letter of Interest to the Build America Bureau to explore the opportunity of applying for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan for the potential DART Operations and Maintenance Facility project. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Kelly Whiting and seconded by Angela Connolly that the Commission adjourn the regular session and reconvene in closed session.

Roll Call: Willey - Yea, Whiting – Yea (arrived 1.42pm/left 1.58pm), Elrod – Nay – McCoy, Yea, Mandelbaum - Yea, Altringer – Yea – Dierenfeld, Yea, Grooters - Yea, Connolly (left at 1.50pm) - Yea, Montgomery – Yea, Trimble – Yea and Jones - Yea

Chair, Russ Trimble recessed the meeting at 1.32pm

Chair, Russ Trimble moved that the Commissioners of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority go into closed session pursuant to section 21.5, subsection 1, paragraph (i) of the Iowa Code to evaluate the professional competency of the Chief Executive Officer whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

No action was taken during the closed session.

At 2.27 pm, it was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum that the closed session be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

Roll Call: Willey - Yea, Whiting – Nay, Elrod – Nay, – McCoy, Yea, Mandelbaum - Yea, Altringer – Yea – Dierenfeld, Yea, Grooters - Yea, Connolly - Nay, Montgomery – Yea, Trimble – Yea and Jones - Yea

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

**The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. (If the Administration offices at DART Central Station remain closed on June 1, 2021 and the Dart Commission determines that it is still impractical and impossible to have Commission members, staff and the public physically present for this Commission meeting, then the June 1, 2021 Commission meeting will again be hosted via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such the virtual meeting will be forthcoming).**