

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2026

PRESENT:

CHARLES SCIANDRA, CHAIRMAN  
MICHAEL CEFALO, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
JOHN YOUNG, TREASURER  
LYNETTE VILLANO, SECRETARY (By Phone)  
GARY POLAKOSKI, ASST. SECRETARY  
JERRY ALSHEFSKI, MEMBER  
JOSEPH PADAVAN, MEMBER  
JOSEPH ZELLER, MEMBER

ATTORNEY JOSEPH BLAZOSEK, SOLICITOR  
ATTORNEY JOSEPH JOYCE, ASST. SOLICITOR

ABSENT:

VALERIE KEPNER, PH.D., MEMBER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

ROBERT FIUME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
JOE ROSELLE, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/I.T.  
GINO MARRIGGI, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR  
JOANN DECKER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR  
DEBBIE DENNIS, SHARED RIDE DIRECTOR  
TRACY KLINE, ACCOUNTING MANAGER

OTHERS:

NONE

**1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman, Mr. Sciandra, welcomed everyone and invited those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call:** The following Board Members were present or available by phone for the meeting: Mr. Alshefski, Mr. Cefalo, Mr. Padavan, Mr. Polakoski, Ms. Villano, Mr. Young, Mr. Zeller and Mr. Sciandra.

**3. Purpose of Meeting: Mr. Sciandra, Chairman**

Mr. Sciandra, Chairman, said this is our reorganization meeting for the selection of officers and committee chairs and members moving forward. Mr. Sciandra asked if there was any public comment. He then turned the meeting over to Atty. Blazosek.

**4. Public Comment:** None.

**5. Explanation of Meetings and Offices: Attorney Joseph Blazosek**

Atty. Blazosek welcomed everyone. He said that under the bylaws of the Authority there is a requirement that an annual meeting be conducted each year in January for the purpose of electing officers who will serve for calendar year 2026. He explained that he would serve as temporary chairman for purposes of conducting the election of officers and once that is completed there may be other matters at the pleasure of the chair after the reorganization of board officers. Atty. Blazosek stated that

there has been proper notice and proper advertising of the time, place and date of the meeting. He said there is a quorum present and announced the available offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. He then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chair.

## **6. Election of Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek**

The following nominations were made and voted on:

**Chairman**- Charles Sciandra, nomination made by Mr. Cefalo and seconded by Mr. Zeller. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. All members present agreed. All votes were for Mr. Sciandra after a roll call vote of the board members.

**Vice Chairman**- Michael Cefalo, nomination made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Sciandra. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Zeller. All members present agreed. All votes were for Mr. Cefalo after a roll call vote of the board members.

**Treasurer**- Joseph Zeller, nomination made by Mr. Alshefski and seconded by Mr. Sciandra. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Zeller. All members present agreed. All votes were for Mr. Zeller after a roll call vote of the board members.

**Asst. Treasurer**- John Young, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Padavan. All members present agreed. All votes were for Mr. Young after a roll call vote of the board members.

**Secretary**- Lynette Villano, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Young. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Padavan. All members present agreed. All votes were for Ms. Villano after a roll call vote of the board members.

**Asst. Secretary**- Gary Polakoski, nomination made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. A motion to close the nomination was made by Mr. Sciandra and seconded by Mr. Zeller. All members present agreed. All votes were for Mr. Polakoski after a roll call vote of the board members.

## **7. Introduction of New Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek**

Atty. Blazosek stated that with the slate of officers now in place, his role has ended. He welcomed the new officers and turned the meeting over to the Chairman, Mr. Sciandra.

## **8. Comments: Board Chairman**

Mr. Sciandra said he appreciated all the confidence that the board has in all the officers. He said this is a great board, the selection of all board members represents a good random sample of our county and most importantly the different skills that they bring from their life and career studies. He said we had the pleasure of bringing on a stellar leader, Mr. Fiume. He stated that our organization has gotten stronger, we brought in new leaders for different positions and what we see today is a real credit to every one of associates that represent Luzerne County Transportation Authority. Mr. Sciandra explained that as board members, nobody gets paid for this, they are giving back. He said what they decide on different issues are never rubber stamped; there are disagreements but when they walk out of the room there is always a solution. Mr. Sciandra stated that Mr. Fiume has 30 plus years of experience and is well connected throughout the state and federal government and a lot of the things we do and get are because of his tutelage. He also wanted to give credit to our consultant, Mr. Toby Fauver. He said before we brought in Mr. Fiume, no one knew how to navigate these waters, none of them were in

public transportation but we were fortunate to get an old deputy director who served under Corbett. Mr. Sciandra said Mr. Fauver has been a real asset, and many of our managers have worked with him. He stated that Mr. Cefalo is in charge of our strategic plan, which we need to dust off. He mentioned that we have made a lot of gains with our numbers and asked Mr. Fauver to find out how we rank with other authorities, adding that 2026 should be a good year. Mr. Fiume said that Jerry Alshefski is our newest board member, replacing Mr. Driscoll.

**9. Appointment of Committees: Board Chairman**

Mr. Sciandra read the list of committees (see attachment).

**10. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates and Times**

Mr. Sciandra said he would like to take a look at the list of dates for the upcoming meetings in 2026, adding that it is basically the same schedule we had for the last couple of years.

Mr. Sciandra asked for a motion to approve the meeting dates. A motion was made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Zeller. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

The board went into an executive session at 5:20 p.m. and returned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

**11. General Purposes:** None.

**12. Comments:** None.

**13. Adjournment**

With all business completed, Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cefalo. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Tracy Kline, Secretary to the Board



## 2026 LCTA Committees and Members

### 1) **Personnel and Continued Progress Committee**

**Chair:** Joe Padavan

**Committee Members:** Mike Cefalo, John Young, Gary Polakoski, Lynette Villano, Charles Sciandra, Jerry Alshefski

**Management Chairs:** HR Director and Executive Director

**Responsibilities:** Work with management to hire and train top-notch personnel and ensure the Strategic Plan is accomplished via Department goals, direction, and KPI measurement.

### 2) **Finance and Budget Committee**

**Chair:** Joe Zeller

**Committee Members:** John Young and Mike Cefalo

**Management Chairs:** Director of Finance and Executive Director

**Responsibilities:** Maintain proper budgeting and adherence to this budget. Conduct an annual audit, negotiate major contracts, and maintain the General Ledger and Balance Sheet.

### 3) **Operations / Safety Committee**

**Chair:** Gary Polakoski

**Committee Members:** Joe Zeller

**Management Chairs:** Safety/Security Manager and Director of Shared Ride

**Responsibilities:** Maintain and adhere to proper operations and safety protocols along local, state, and federal guidelines.

### 4) **Customer Service and Marketing Committee**

**Chair:** Dr. Valerie Kepner

**Committee Members:** Joe Padavan, Charles Sciandra, John Young, Jerry Alshefski

**Management Chairs:** Marketing Director and HR Director

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**Responsibilities:** Integrate and increase ridership via proper marketing penetration with adherence to the annual marketing plan. Welcome ridership opinions and opportunities plus mirror best practices throughout the state.

5) **Strategic Planning Committee**

**Chair:** Mike Cefalo

**Committee Members:** John Young and Joe Padavan

**Management Chairs:** Executive Director and Director of Finance

**Responsibilities:** Adhere to Strategic Planning and proper views and adjustments.