LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JUNE 23, 2026

PRESENT:
CHARLES SCIANDRA, CHAIRMAN
MICHAEL CEFALO, VICE-CHAIRMAN
LYNETTE VILLANO, SECRETARY
GARY POLAKOSKI, ASST. SECRETARY
JOSEPH ZELLER, ASST. TREASURER
JERRY ALSHEFSKI, MEMBER
JOSEPH PADAVAN, MEMBER

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

ABSENT:
JOHN YOUNG, TREASURER
VALERIE KEPNER, PH.D., MEMBER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:
ROBERT FIUME, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JOE ROSELLE, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/I.T.
RANDY LISMAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR
GINO MARRIGGI, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
JOANN DECKER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
GRETCHEN WINTERMANTEL, MARKETING DIRECTOR
DEBBIE DENNIS, SHARED RIDE DIRECTOR
TRACY KLINE, ACCOUNTING MANAGER
MARK GIFFORD, OPERATIONS MANAGER

OTHERS:
JIM DURLAND, PUBLIC

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

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

3. Public Comment: Jim Durland asked if route seven could be changed for people who live at Lincoln Plaza. Mr. Fiume said we are currently looking at all our routes and that is something we will put on the list to look at.

4. Approval of Minutes: Board Chairman, Mr. Sciandra, asked for approval of the board minutes from the May 26th, 2026 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Polakoski. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr. John Young
Board Chairman, Mr. Sciandra asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report pending audit. A motion was made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

6. Chairperson's Report: Mr. Charles Sciandra
Mr. Sciandra gave a big thank you from the board on a job well done at the recent festival in Wilkes-Barre, adding that everyone did an exceptional job. He said Ms. Wintermantel did a great job with the buses for America 250.

7. Solicitor's Report: Attorney Joseph Blazosek
Atty. Blazosek noted for the record that they went into an executive session at 4:10 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. He said during that time Mr. Fiume updated the Board on some pending real estate matters. He explained there were no decisions made but the board received an update on future events and referred to the motion to approve a new real estate contract.

8. Executive Directors Report: Mr. Robert Fiume
Mr. Fiume said we are working on an RFP for video cameras. He explained we are looking at our routes and Microtransit to see how we can make them more efficient and cost saving. He stated that PPTA has asked LCTA to host the August Roadeo in 2028. Mr. Fiume said that we will be hosting an MPO meeting here on July 7th. He said we recently hosted an Avail training with participants from different parts of Eastern PA. Mr. Fiume thanked the staff for a great job with the America 250 concert as this is the first time we have ever done anything of this magnitude, adding that we worked on it for weeks and months. He said he spoke to our drivers during the night and they actually enjoyed what they were doing and did a great job; we moved people quickly and received many comments and thanks with not one bad comment from anyone. Mr. Fiume said we worked as a great team here and mentioned Mr. Marriggi, Mr. Gifford, Ms. Dennis, Ms. Wintermantel, Mr. Horton and Mr. Coviello and thanked the bus drivers and van drivers. He stated that Mr. Roselle did a lot of the planning of how the routes would run and making sure the lots would be accessible. He said it was a team effort and great to see everyone come together.

Mr. Fiume presented the following motions:

The following motions were approved together:
Motion to Approve the LCTA Driver Uniform Policy
Motion to Approve the LCTA Wireless Policy
A motion was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Padavan. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion to Approve the real estate contract with NAI Mertz. A motion was made by Ms. Villano and seconded by Mr. Alshefski. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion to Approve the Auditor Services contract with RKL for: $34,500, $36,500 and $39,000 dollars. A motion was made by Mr. Zeller and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion to ratify termination of employment for employee badge number 476 effective May 20th, 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Alshefski and seconded by Mr. Polakoski. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion to add motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Padavan and seconded by Mr. Cefalo. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Cefalo and seconded by Mr. Padavan. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

9. Committees:

Customer Service/Public Transit Ridership Committee- Valerie Kepner, Chairperson
Dr. Kepner was absent from the meeting.

Operations/Safety Committee- Gary Polakoski, Chairperson
Mr. Polakoski did not have a report at this time.

Strategic Planning Committee- Michael Cefalo, Chairperson
Mr. Cefalo said they have circulated to the State a presentation that was created by a Niagara company in New York with regard to how they are melding in their Shared Ride and their on-call service. He said we are going to continue to press on that issue to try and get Shared Ride cleaned up from a PennDOT standpoint, adding that our consultant is actually on the study committee for that particular item.

Personnel and Continued Progress Committee- Joe Padavan, Chairperson
Mr. Padavan said we are almost at full staff. He said we just hired a part-time dispatcher that is waiting to start in the next week or so. Mr. Padavan commented that our Union workers, ATU and Teamsters, are working out well with our administration and everyone seems to be working together.

Finance and Budget Committee- Joseph Zeller, Chairperson
Mr. Zeller referred to Mr. Lisman's email with a list of comments for the 2026-2027 budget. He thanked Mr. Lisman for the good job and presentation.

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business: No new business was discussed.

12. Remarks: There were no remarks.

13. Adjournment: With all business completed, Mr. Cefalo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Polakoski. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: Tracy Kline, Secretary to the Board