



## **Fiscal and Management Control Board**

May 2, 2016 10 Park Plaza, Room 3830 Boston, MA

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Members: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Steven Poftak, Director

Lisa Calise, Director Brian Lang and Director Monica Tibbits-

Nutt

**Present:** Director Steven Poftak, Director Brian Lang and Director

Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Frank DePaola, Brian

Shortsleeve, John Englander, Owen Kane, MassDOT Director Betsy Taylor, Jeffrey Gonneville, Charles Planck

## PROCEEDINGS:

At the call of the Vice Chair Stephen Poftak, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order at 12:05 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Room 3830, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Next, Vice Chair Steven Poftak opened up the public comment period.

The first speaker was Jeremy Mendelsohn from Transit Matters, spoke in support of Transit Matters alternative late night service options

Next, James Jay from the Riders Oversight Committee spoke in support of the alternative late night service Transit Matters plan. Next, Iliya Atanasov, Pioneer Institute, spoke in support of the MBTA's debt policy strategy.

Next, Elizabeth Baxter, commented on proposed service planning options and commuter rail ticketing.

The last speaker, Stephen Kaiser, commented on the service planning policy and on-time performance data.

Next, Vice Chair Poftak skipped to Agenda Item K, Debt Strategy. Mr. Poftak introduced the Chief Adminisrator Brian Shortsleeve to begin. Mr. Shortsleeve gave a brief overview of the reasoning behind the need for a new debt policy and the termination of swaps. Mr. Shortsleeve then introduced Ms. June Matte of The PFM Group, who went thru a presentation attached hereto and labeled "MBTA Debt Strategy".

Next, was the approval of the minutes of March 7, 2016 and March 17, 2016.

The Board deferred the minutes of March 16, 2016 as Director Lang was not present.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

Voted: to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016.

Next, Mr. Poftak asked General Manager Frank DePaola to give his report. Mr. DePaola commented on the continuing improvement of on-time performance of commuter rail. Mr. DePaola updated the Board of a power

outage that had interrupted service the Red, Orange and Green Lines over the weekend. The issue was repaired and regular service resumed within 48 hours.

Mr. DePaola informed the Board that he was going to be out of the office for a couple of weeks for a previously scheduled medical procedure.

Next, Chief Administrator began his agenda Item E. Mr. Shortsleeve indicated the audit had been finalized. Six very strong proposals were received on the The Ride RFP and a formal update on the The Ride Call Center is currently scheduled for June 6, 2016 before the Board.

Next, Vice-Chair Poftak asked Brian Kane to present Agenda Item F, a review and discussion of upcoming FMCB agenda items, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "Fiscal & Management Control Board Public Meeting Agenda Items."

Next, Vice-Chair Poftak introduced Heather Hume who presented Agenda Item G, Service Planning Update as set forth in the attached presentation labeled "Service Planning Discussion".

Next, Vice Chair Poftak introduced Jeff Gonneville, Chief Operating Officer, to present Agenda Item H, State of the Green Line, and attached hereto, labeled "State of the Service: Green Line Light Rail".

Next, Vice Chair Poftak introduced Charles Planck to begin Agenda Item I, Late Night Service followup. Mr. Planck went through a presentation attached hereto as labeled "Overnight Service Advocates' Proposal Discussion", a follow-up from the April discussion on late night alternative proposal.

Next, John Englander's discussion on possible mitigation relative to the loss of late night service was tabled.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Fiscal and Management Control Board Meeting at 2:45 p.m.

## **DOCUMENTS RELIED ON IN THE MEETING**

Service Planning Discussion
Fiscal & Management Control Board Public Agenda
MBTA Debt Strategy
March 7, 2016 FMCB minutes
March 16, 2016 FMCB minutes
Overnight Service Advocates' Proposal Discussion