

**Lee County Transportation Disadvantaged  
Local Coordinating Board**

**10:00 a.m., November 1, 2019  
City of Cape Coral Public Works – Green Room  
815 Nicholas Pkwy E, Cape Coral FL 33990  
239-330-2240**



**Meeting Minutes**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cosden at 10:02 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members introduced themselves. There was a quorum.

Those members in attendance included:

<b>A Representative of:</b>	<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Alternates to Voting Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>
An elected official from the MPO Board to serve as the official Chairperson.	Jessica Cosden (Present)	City of Cape Coral	No alternate	
A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)	Kelley Fernandez (Absent)	FDOT	Dale Hanson (Present) Michelle Peronto (Absent)	FDOT
B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Nicole Negron (Present)	DCF	Bryan DeLaHunt (Absent)	DCF
C. A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible	Roger Lloyd (Absent)	Lee County School Board	Richard Perdue (Absent)	
D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	(Vacant)	DOE	(Vacant)	DOE
E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Kim Hustad (Absent)	Lee County Human Services	Lelunda Sanichara (Present)	

G. A person representing the Elderly in the county	Flora Gonzalez (Absent)		(Vacant)	
H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
I-1. [One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Michael Pierce (Present)		(Vacant)	
I-2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
J. A local representative for children at risk	Brenda Hernandez (Present)	Golisano Children's Hospital	Juliana Whitaker (Present)	Golisano Children's Hospital
K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit Systems Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Carlos Rivera (Absent)	LeeTran	Carlos Menjivar (Present)	LeeTran
L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Shelby Yelvington (Absent)	Area Agency on Aging	Becky MacKenzie (Absent)	Area Agency on Aging
M. An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the CTC.	Michael Griffin (Absent)	SWFL Transportation	Laura Miller (Absent) Ryan Williams (Present)	Creative Resources
N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Maribel Perez (Absent)	AHCA	Glenda Gonzalez (Absent)	AHCA
O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i> .	Jim Wall (Absent)	Career Source SWFL	(Vacant)	Career Source SWFL
P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Heidi Shoriak (Present)	Lee Health Systems	Kim Anderson (Absent)	Lee Health Systems

Also in attendance: Alan Mandel and Sarah Kuehner with Good Wheels; Leah Watson with Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO.

Mr. Raimondo noted the Agency for Persons with Disabilities was recently added to the roster by the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and he will update the roster for the Lee County MPO's Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) before the March meeting. He mentioned Ms. Leah Watson who would be the new member on the LCB for that agency.

## **New Business**

### **Agenda Item #1 - \*Approval of the Minutes from the September 6, 2019 Meeting**

**Ms. Nicole Negron made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2019 meeting. Ms. Heidi Shoriak seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #2 - Public Comments on Items on or not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments on items on or not on the agenda.

## **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #3 - \*Election of a Vice-Chair**

Mr. Raimondo presented this agenda item for the election of a vice-chair. He noted the election for the Vice-Chairperson shall be at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. He said currently, Ms. Nicole Negron is the LCB Vice-Chair. He noted Ms. Negron said she was willing to continue as Vice-Chair. Chair Cosden asked if there was a motion to support this.

**Ms. Heidi Shoriak made the motion for Ms. Nicole Negron to continue as Vice-Chair. Ms. Brenda Hernandez seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Endorsement of FTA Grant Applications for Operating and Capital Assistance**

Chair Cosden introduced this item. Ms. Dale Hanson with FDOT noted she would abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Raimondo then presented this agenda item for the endorsement of the FTA Grant Applications for Operating and Capital Assistance. He said he had not received any applications. He said the agencies could bring their applications to the November or March meetings. He added this item could be tabled to the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Approve Good Wheels' FY 2018-19 Annual Operating Report (AOR)**

Mr. Raimondo presented this agenda item for the approval of the Good Wheels' FY 2018-2019 Annual Operating report (AOR). He said the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) is required to annually prepare and submit an AOR to the Local Coordinating Board for its review, and then to submit the AOR to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged by September 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Mr. Raimondo explained that any questions could be directed to Mr. Mandel as his agency compiled the report. Mr. Raimondo added this would be the meeting to approve the AOR. Mr. Mandel noted there were a few minor changes. Chair Cosden asked if there were any questions. Mr. Raimondo said it could be approved with changes and then brought back as an information item to discuss the changes. Chair Cosden asked for a motion to approve pending changes from the state.

**Ms. Nicole Negron made the motion to approve the Good Wheels' FY 2018-2019 Annual Operating Report pending changes. Ms. Brenda Hernandez seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #6 - Program Updates and Distribution Items**

Mr. Raimondo presented this agenda item on the program updates that included a review of the calendar of events. He mentioned several upcoming items like the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) update and the CTC evaluation. Mr. Raimondo asked for volunteers for the evaluation committee.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Good Wheels' Updates and Reports**

Mr. Alan Mandel presented this agenda item on Good Wheels' Updates and Reports. He noted Good Wheels had recently received an additional grant from the state for providing transportation to dialysis and chemotherapy patients. He further explained the history behind the funding shortfall he faced before receiving the additional

grant. He also mentioned the additional funding source renewal period and requirements as well as other possible grants. The committee discussed the type of patient that would qualify for trips from this new funding. Mr. Mandel said an application for trips does need to be on file with Good Wheels. Mr. Mandel also mentioned MedWaiver and Medicaid programs. He said he attends the Lee and Collier legislative delegations meetings and urges them to request a return to the previous formula based on CUTR's evaluation of need throughout the state. Chair Cosden asked if there were any questions. There were none. Chair Cosden then referred to the new format of the ridership and complaints tables that were included in the agenda packet. She thanked Mr. Mandel for updating the tables.

### **Agenda Item #8 - Member Comments**

Ms. Dale Hanson with FDOT commented on the 5310, 5311, and 5339 grant award distributions. She noted the due date for Fiscal Year 2020 grant applications is December 20, 2019. She also mentioned that November 1 is the last day of mobility week.

**Mr. Raimondo mentioned the next meeting will be held March 6, 2020.** Chair Cosden thanked the committee for attending.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:24 a.m.**

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\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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