

**FRANKLIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 3:30 pm**

The Franklin Transit Authority met on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 3:30 pm
708 Columbia Ave. Franklin, TN

Members present

Preston Elliott, Chairman
Pearl Bransford
Nancy Fletcher-Blume
Bob Horner
Dale Thomas

Others Present

Debbie Henry, The TMA Group
Kelly Bair, The TMA Group
Laing McCullough, The TMA Group
Diane Thorne, The TMA Group
Stanton Higgs, The TMA Group
Eric Howell, The TMA Group
Kristin Corn, City of Franklin
Abby Gambill, City of Franklin
Deb Varallo, Varallo Public Relations

1. Call to Order

Chairman Preston Elliott called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

Chairman Preston Elliott confirmed that there was a quorum.

3. Public Comments

This portion of the agenda is for members of the public to directly address the FTA on any items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Authority. Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. The Authority will hear all communication but will not take any action on items that are not on the Agenda.

Ms. Henry introduced Eric Howell, an intern with The TMA Group.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Minutes of March 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes (ITEM #4)
Chairman Preston Elliott called to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Dale Thomas motioned, Mr. Bob Horner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Year-to-Date Financial Statement and Summary (ITEM #5)

Ms. Henry presented the year to date March 31, 2015 financial statements to the Authority, noting most grants have been billed at this time, this will increase revenues. Chairman Preston Elliott called for acceptance of the financial report. *Mr. Dale Thomas motioned, Ms. Pearl Bransford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Transit Report (ITEM #6)

Ms. Henry reported the ridership. While ridership was low due to extreme weather, fare box revenues continue to rise, and Main Street Festival ridership was higher than previous years. Chairman Preston Elliott called for acceptance of the transit report. *Mr. Dale Thomas motioned, Ms. Pearl Bransford seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

7. Review of Statewide Transit Overtime TPTA survey results

Ms. Henry distributed the survey conducted by TPTA, on Franklin Transit Authority's behalf. The results of the survey show most transit agencies have overtime, with the reasoning being consistent.

8. Preliminary Discussions re: Fare Increase

Ms. Henry briefed the Authority on fare rates since the inception of Franklin's public transportation. Fixed Route service has never had an increase, while TODD experienced one increase in April 2009. Mr. Higgs suggested a higher rate structure for TODD rides based on distance as the City of Franklin borders continue to expand.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Cool Springs Study Update

Ms. Thorne informed the Authority of the final report from TranSystem would be finalized very soon. It will include three route options with suggested equipment, and capital/operating costs. The report will also include short term projects, being updated transit within City of Franklin, mid-term projects like regional service, and long term projects like rail options.

10. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Henry announced Tweens & Teens running through August 6. In addition, the first reading of the City of Franklin budget, which includes Transit, is May 25. Mr. Horner announced his retirement from Embassy Suites.

11. Adjourn

Preston Elliott, Chairman