

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
March 25, 2022  
via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strauss called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was established and in attendance included: Leslie Strauss, Chairman, John Hall, Peter Bierrie, Charlie Norz, Joan Gay, Laura Francis, Karl Kilduff, Angus MacDonald, and Joe Samolis.

Also in attendance: Joe Comerford, Christina Denison, Lisa Gibson, and Maria Creel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Hall made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of First Transit Contract negotiations. Only Board members were invited into the Executive Session. Karl Kilduff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at: 10:45 a.m.

Charlie Norz made a motion to authorize a sub-committee to negotiate the contract with First Transit. Members of the Sub-Committee will include: Leslie Strauss, Laura Francis, Joan Gay and Joe Samolis. Angus MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO SUSPEND FARES FROM APRIL 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2022

Laura Francis made a motion to suspend Estuary Transit District Fares from 4/1/22 to 6/30/22. Joe Samolis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR SEASONAL TRANSIT SERVICES

Leslie updated the Board on a request from the Town of Chester for a seasonal service (approximately June through September, week-ends only) that would transport individuals from the marina areas into downtown Chester. This service would be available to any town interested and board members were encouraged to contact Joe Comerford if interested.

Joe Comerford reported that such a service would cost approximately \$20,000; \$10,000 from the Town and \$10,000 from ETD. The District would fund such a service with Federal Funds and the program would be considered a "Pilot Program" for one year.

Joe Samolis made a motion to authorize funding up to \$80,000 to facilitate seasonal services in District towns. Angus MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Angus MacDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Laura Francis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk