

**MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED of the  
COLLIER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**Collier County Government Center  
Building “F”, Information Technology Training Room  
3299 Tamiami Trail East**

**Naples, FL 34112**

**March 2, 2022**

**1:30 p.m.**

**\*\*Virtual participation via ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

**Commissioner Solis** called the public workshop to order at approximately 1:34 p.m.

**Ms. Bates** called roll a quorum was present in the room. **Ms. Otero** asked for a vote to allow members to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstances.

*Ms. Corris moved to allow members to participate remotely due to extenuating circumstances. Ms. Hanson seconded. Passed unanimously.*

**Members Present In-person**

Commissioner Solis, Chair  
Eileen Streight, Citizens Advocate/Non-User  
Alana Watson, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration  
Dale Hanson, FDOT  
Sherry Brenner, Disabled

**Members Participating Remotely**

Susan Corris, SWFL Regional Workforce Development Board, Vice-Chairperson  
Leah Watson, Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
Cheryl Burnham, Florida Association for Community Action  
Anne Chernin, Elderly

**Members Absent**

Dylan Vogel, Citizens Advocate/User  
Maricela Morado, Area Agency on Aging SWFL-FL Dept. of Elder Affairs  
Robert Richards, Florida Dept. of Education, Div. of Voc. Rehab.  
Tabitha Larrauri, Florida Department of Children and Family Services  
Oscar Gomez, Veterans Services

**MPO Staff**

Brandy Otero, Principal Planner  
Danielle Bates, Administrative Assistant

**Others Present**

Michelle Edwards-Arnold, Director, Collier County PTNE  
Elena Ortiz-Rosado, PTNE  
Omar DeLeon, PTNE  
Alex Showalter  
Rosio Garcia  
Mari Maldonado, MV Transportation  
Andy Ramtahal, CAT Operator  
Richard Ticehurst, MV Transportation  
Deena Soogrim, PTNE (virtually)  
Margaret Ticehurst, PTNE (virtually)  
Maylin Santana, PTNE (virtually)  
Sandra Lime, PTNE (virtually)  
Tiffany Pulido (virtually)

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Solis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Ms. Corris moved for approval of the agenda. Ms. A. Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**3. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PROGRAM AND PROCESS**

Ms. Otero: Annually we conduct the public workshop. We reach out to riders to distribute flyers on buses, nursing centers, dialysis centers, and caretakers, so they can inform us on how the paratransit process is going.

**A. Public Comments on Local TD Program and Process**

None.

**B. Member Comments on Local TD Program and Process**

None.

**C. Annual TD LCB Training**

**Ms. Otero:** Presented Training PowerPoint in the agenda packet. Also elaborated the following points: Purposed of Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged is to accomplish

the coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged. Collier County is the designated CTC. Collier MPO is the Designated Planning Agency and provides staff support to the LCB. LCB identifies local service needs and is to provide information, advice and direction to the CTC on the coordination of services. LCB membership is dictated by Florida Statute. Chair must be a local elected official from the County that the LCB serves.

**Commissioner Solis:** Does the elected official have to be on the MPO?

**Ms. Otero:** I don't know, always has been, the MPO appoints them would have to check with the County Attorney.

**Commissioner Solis:** I will ask the County Attorney

#### **4. ADJOURN ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

*With no further comments Commissioner Solis adjourned the public workshop at approximately 1:55 p.m.*