

## **Greater New Haven Transit District**

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2023

RECEIVED FOR FILING DATE 9/20/2023 TIME 2:00PM TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE EAST HAVEN, CONN Renee Arenas, Asst ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

In Attendance:

**Directors:** Branford - Dagmar Ridgway; Hamden - Dan Kops; New Haven - Tomi Veale;

New Haven - Doug Hausladen; and North Branford - Mary Bigelow

Not in Attendance:

**Directors:** Bethany – Craig Riegelhaupt;

**GNHTD Staff:** Mario Marrero, Executive Director

**Guest:** Niclas Ferland (Counsel to the District)

Call to Order: As a quorum was present, Chairman Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Marrero provided district, operational, and administrative updates. Mr. Marrero shared with the Executive Committee the results of FTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Triennial Review of Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD). The FTA commended GNHTD on an outstanding achievement, no deficiencies were found with the FTA requirements in any of the 23 areas reviewed. Mr. Marrero commended the GNHTD team for their outstanding work. Ms. Bigelow also commended Mr. Marrero and the team for their efforts.

The Agency celebrated the ADA 33rd anniversary with breakfast for all employees.

Mr. Marrero mentioned that meetings with ConnDOT to discuss the Transit Asset Management (TAM) process continue. The ConnDOT/Transit District meeting and the FTA Check-in meeting were held during the month of August.

Mr. Marrero mentioned that the ConnDOT Quarterly Site visits continue, one visit took place on July 20, 2023; and the next visit is scheduled for September 29, 2023. The Insurance Property and Casualty review meeting was held on July 6, 2023, the RFP meeting for the Encompass program was held on June 20, 2023, and the CACT

meeting was held on July 11, 2023. The team also attended the SCRCOG Transportation and Policy Board meeting during the months of June, July, and August.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement meetings were held during the month of July and August. A tentative agreement was reached.

A Board of Directors meeting was held on July 12, 2023. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023.

Mr. Marrero updated the Executive Committee on the Vehicle Purchase orders.

The Chief Compliance Officer continues to conduct internal departmental audits. The monthly Safety Committee meetings continue as part of the PTASP plan. Departmental team meetings and Managers meetings also continue to be held.

Mr. Marrero provided facility updates to the Executive Committee

Mr. Marrero also shared with the Executive Committee the ongoing recruitment efforts of the agency. The agency hired and trained drivers and 2 Mechanics during the month of August. The agency is currently seeking Drivers and Dispatchers.

A discussion ensued regarding the new property. At 10:20 a.m., on a motion by Doug Hausladen and seconded by Dan Kops, the Executive Committee voted to go into executive session to discuss Real Estate matters. The executive session ended at 10:27 a.m. Chairman Bigelow stated that the Executive Committee will report to the entire board the consensus indicating ownership remains with GNHTD.

There being no further business brought before the committee, on a motion by Doug Hausladen and seconded by Dagmar Ridgway, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dagmar Ridgway, Secretary