



TANK Combined Committee Meeting

April 3, 2024

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE:

Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE, Board Members:

Brian Ellerman	Scott Guenther	
Gina Rittinger	Ed Kuehne *	Kimberly Rossetti
Lisa Cooper	Missy Miles	Laura Thompson *

IN ATTENDANCE, Staff/Other:

- Gina Douthat, General Manager
- Alex Fuchs, Director of Finance
- Renae Turner, Director of Admin/HR
- William Hock, Director of Maintenance
- Gary McCulley, Asst. Director of Operations
- John Young, Director of Operations

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION:

The meeting began with introductions of the new Director of Operations, John Young, who shared his background in the transportation industry.

BOARD RETREAT WRAP UP:

Catherine Salzman provided a wrap up/summary of the Board Retreat, focusing on next steps and priorities. The board retreat next steps were discussed, with Catherine presenting the established priorities of obtaining sustainable funding, serving the transit-dependent population, and maintaining our workforce. Catherine stressed the importance of aligning priorities and objectives with action plans. Gina will schedule and develop an agenda for the quarterly task force meetings.

FEBRUARY FY24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Fuchs provided an overview of the February FY24 financial statements. which showed an overall increase in ridership of 15% from the previous year.

DISPOSITION OF VEHICLES

TANK has equipment that has exceeded its useful life and is ready to be sold/disposed of. The equipment consists of five 40-foot fixed-route buses, four RAMP buses, and one service truck to be declared surplus equipment. The Authority no longer uses the equipment.

Action Item:

Motion to declare vehicles that have exceeded their useful life as surplus equipment to be disposed of, as described in Mr. Hock's memo from 3/29/2024.

Motion: Brian Ellerman

Second: Missy Miles

Discussion: None

Action: **Motion Passed**, unanimously.

FY25 Operating Budget- The TANK staff provided a comprehensive draft budget presentation, providing insights into the operational challenges and the decision to budget for 93% of redesign service levels due to recruitment and retention difficulties. Ms. Douthat also provided an overview of the funding formula allocation for operational support, discussed the local subsidy requirement and the federal funding approach to the FY25 budget.

Staff indicated that this budget includes introducing microtransit, funded by federal operating funds.

After the budget discussion, the board members discussed fare increases and revenue generation, with TANK board members deliberating on the potential impact of raising fares on the Southbank shuttle and local service.

The Board has asked for a comprehensive review process to begin to look at scenarios for future fare increases and the public involvement process that would accompany it. * Staff will look into fare increase scenarios (fixed route and Southbank Shuttle) and their impact on revenue and present fare increase options to the board.

Action: Approval of the FY25 Draft Operating Budget will be an action item at the 4/10/2024 Board meeting.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Motion: Scott Guenther

Second: Brian Ellerman

Discussion: None

Action: **Motion Passed**, Unanimously