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Access Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (AACT) Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

10:00 AM–12:00 PM; State Transportation Building, Suite 2150
10 Park Plaza, Boston

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Chair—James F. White

Vice Chair—Lisa Weber

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Reading of the Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees

James White

Lisa Weber
James Tozza
Sandra Tozza
Nadine Jones
Rev. Ellen Frith

Meeting Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2018, was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

James White, Chair, reported on the following items.

- Jessica Podesva scheduled a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee that excluded the AACT stakeholders. J. White contacted Judge Patrick King regarding the meeting, who said that he, too, was not aware of the meeting and would look into the meeting. Judge King followed up with Mr. White informing him that the meeting had been postponed.
- THE RIDE Access Center staff continues to have problems and continues to show lack training.

Committee Reports

Jim Tozza, AACT representative to the Rider Oversight Committee (ROC), shared that David Barker, MBTA's Manager of Operations Technology, discussed recent and ongoing projects and plans that are in development at the last ROC meeting.

Lisa Weber, Vice Chair reported the following committees.

- Summit on Accessible Transportation 2018. The summit was a collaboration between AACT and the Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities held at the Boston Public Library and open to the public. She noted that the Summit was well attended.
- Paratransit Taskforce Committee. No report presented.
- Ad Hoc Committee. No report presented.

Announcements

L. Weber announced that the Office of Consumer Affairs Business Regulations launched a new lemon law that will assist and protect consumers with defective wheelchairs. A copy of the lemon law is available upon request.

Notables

The AACT meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities and is near public transportation.

Notices of AACT meetings are posted on the MBTA website at http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/public_meetings/. Visit the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) calendar page at <http://www.bostonmpo.org/calendar/month> to find AACT agendas, meeting minutes, and past meeting minutes. For more on AACT, see the Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) between the MBTA and AACT, the AACT Bylaws, and ADA regulations at <http://www.mbta.com/aact>.

Also, find articles about topics discussed at AACT meetings in the MPO's newsletter, TRANSREPORT, at <http://www.bostonmpo.org/transreport>. For more information on accessibility at the MBTA, please visit <http://www.mbta.com/accessibility>.

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