

Knoxville Transportation Authority

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023



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CITY OF KNOXVILLE
KNOXVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

AGENDA

Thursday, September 28, 2023

City County Building, Main Assembly Room

TOMMY SMITH
CHAIR

CHRISTI KIRK
VICE-CHAIR

ANALISA VALENTINE
RECORDING SECRETARY

CANDACE BRAKEWOOD

DUSTIN DURHAM

VINCE FUSCO

RICK WHITTED

NANCY NABORS

JOEL SIMMONS

KIMBERLY WATKINS

JOHN LAWHORN
ATTORNEY TO K.T.A.

- I. Determination of a Quorum

- II. Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2023

- III. Reports
 - A. KTA Chair
 - B. Commissioner's Comments
 - C. Staff
 - i. City of Knoxville Director of Transit
 - ii. TPO Transit Planner

- IV. New Business

- V. Old Business

- VI. Public Comments

- VII. Set Next Meeting for October 26, 2023 and Adjourn

Minutes
For Thursday, August 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m. meeting of the
KNOXVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
City County Building

I. Determination of Quorum

Chair Smith called the meeting to order. He asked to confirm a quorum.

Attorney Lawhorn stated that they have 7 members present. They have a quorum.

Commissioners in attendance were as follows:

Vice-Chair Kirk
Commissioner Simmons
Commissioner Hairr
Commissioner Brakewood
Commissioner Nabors
Commissioner Durham

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Smith asked if anyone had questions or comments about last month's meeting before they take a motion to approve. There were none. Commissioner Hairr gave the 1st motion and Vice-Chair Kirk gave the 2nd motion. All was in favor, no one opposed.

III. Reports A. KTA Chair

Chair Smith stated that he didn't have any specific comments for this meeting, but staff does. He said before they get to them, did any Commissioner have any comments.

B. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Durham said that he's excited, but sad he missed last month's meeting. He stated how important it is that they're getting more

frequent services, and that he had to utilize the transit system. He missed the bus by two minutes, and had to wait another half hour, and said that having 15-minute service is important and it'll will make Knoxville a better place.

C. Staff

i. City of Knoxville Director of Transit

Mr. Thorne stated he three items, and wanted to start out with some sad news. He said earlier this week, there was a senseless tragedy that took the lift of one of their beloved passengers, Ben Kredich. Mr. Thorne went on to explain some details of the accident. He told about how Ben was a huge advocate for KAT, and was very passionate. He sends their condolences to Ben's family during this very difficult time. He went on to mention about it being fare free on August 29, to make sure that everyone has access to a voting center and that they have transportation to exercise their right. Then lastly, he spoke on Rebecca Styles, their Director of Finance, taking on a new job, and thanked her for her contributions to KAT. He said they're very happy for her, and she will be missed.

iii. TPO Transit Planner

Doug Burton was not in attendance.

IV. New Business

There was no new business

V. Old Business

There was no old business have.

VI. Public Comment

Chair Smith stated that there are 2 people that signed up for comments. He called Constance Every to come up the podium first.

Constance Every stated her name and her zip code, 37914. She began with that she is actually there on behalf of Mr. Hubert Smith. She stated that she'd recently put out a press release about the trolley line, and KAT Reimagined. She said that she had been speaking with KAT employees and passengers. Ms. Every stated information she said she received from KAT employees, and said that they need to have service every 7-minutes instead of every 15. She went on to read her press release, and talked about the importance of transit in providing access and opportunities.

Chair Smith asked for Julie Walland to come up and speak.

Julie Walland gave her name and address; 1502 Laurel Ave. She started out with that she has an issue about the seats. She said that they are for the elderly and disabled. She asked why are pocketbooks and groceries in the seats she needs to sit in, and if she asks the driver to say something, they won't.

Chair Smith set the next meeting, and said without any other discussion, meeting is adjourned.

VII. Set Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting was set for September 28th, at 3:00 p.m. at the City County Building Main Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Analisa R. Valentine
KTA Recording Secretary