

Meeting Minutes
Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2023

The MPO held a hybrid in-person/ virtual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on April 28, 2023. The MPO staff emailed agenda packets to the MPO's representatives and posted the agenda at the MPO office on April 25, 2023. **In addition to these published tentative minutes, there also may be additional Meeting Notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

MPO Representatives Present:

Dean O'Connor | City of Altoona
Mark Holm | City of Ankeny
David Jones | City of Ankeny
Doug Elrod | City of Bondurant
Ruth Randleman | City of Carlisle
Ted Weaver | City of Clive
Mark Hanson | Dallas County
Kathie Hungerford | City of Cumming**
Luis Montoya | DART
Scott Sanders | City of Des Moines
Connie Boesen | City of Des Moines
Carl Voss | City of Des Moines
Joe Gatto | City of Des Moines
Josh Mandelbaum | City of Des Moines
Pam Cooksey | City of Des Moines
Jake Anderson | City of Grimes
Jim Evans | City of Johnston
Stephanie Riva | City of Norwalk
Len Murray | City of Pleasant Hill
Jeff Walters | Polk City
Tom Hockensmith | Polk County
Robert Andeweg | City of Urbandale
Courtney Clarke | City of Waukee
Matt McKinney | City of West Des Moines
Tom Hadden | City of West Des Moines
Mike Jones | City of Windsor Heights
Andy Loonan | IDOT *
Kevin Foley | Des Moines International Airport
Daniel Nguyen | FTA*
Julia Castillo | HIRTA

MPO Representatives Absent:

Colton Fors | City of Elkhart
Stephanie Erickson | City of Indianola**
Heather Stancil | Madison County**
Tammi Dillavou | City of Mitchellville
Travis Brott | Van Meter**
Mark Snell | Warren County
Johnnie Gibson | FHWA
Eva Steinman | FTA*
* Advisory/Non-Voting Representatives
** Associate/Non-Voting Representative

Others Present:

Clifford Leonard | Public

MPO Staff Present:

Scott Brennan | MPO General Counsel
Todd Ashby | Executive Director
Dylan Mullenix | Assistant Director
Zach Young | Planning Manager
Andrew Collings | Principal Planner
Allison van Pelt | Senior Planner
Zhi Chen | Senior Planner
Lucas Young | Senior Planner
Carl Saxon | Senior Planner
Gunnar Olson | Public Affairs Manager

1. Call To Order

Chair Andeweg recognized a quorum and called the Special April Policy Meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made by Riva to approve the agenda and seconded by Gatto to approve the meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. VOTE- Enter Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

MOTION: A motion was made by Gatto and seconded by Riva to enter into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed session: 11:40 a.m.

Meeting resumed: 11:46

4. Optional Vote: Action in Public Session Related to Personnel Matters

Chair asked for a motion to approve the leave of absence of Todd Ashby for the remainder of the fiscal year, to approve the non-renewal of the employment contract and to provide a year of severance including benefits beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

MOTION: A motion was made by Hadden and seconded by Gatto to approve the leave of absence and the severance package beginning July 1, 2023, and terminating June 30, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RUTH RANDLEMAN REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE. UNANIMOUS VOTE FROM ROLL CALL.

5. Next Meeting Date- May 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

Hearing no objection to the contrary Chair Bob Andeweg adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.