

**GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JULY 14, 2021 10:00 a.m.  
VITURALLY HELD ON ZOOM**

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:** Branford- Judith Amarone; Hamden - Dan Kops; Hamden – Melinda Tuhus; North Branford - Mary Bigelow; North Haven – Michael Freda; Orange- Steve Hechtman; West Haven- Ruth Torres; Woodbridge – Judy Young.

**Not in Attendance:**

**Directors:** Bethany- Craig Riegelhaupt; Branford – Dagmar Ridgway, New Haven- Ryan Knox and Hamden (Alternate)- Julie Smith.

**GNHTD Administrative Staff:** Mario Marrero, Aida Lopez, and Glen McGough.

**GUEST:** Niclas Ferland (Council to the District)

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Public Comment:** There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Adoption of Agreement Between Council of Government, ConnDOT, and Public Transportation Operators:**

After a brief discussion regarding the clarification of terms utilized throughout the agreement. There being no further discussion, Dan Kops moved the adoption of the Agreement Between Council of Governments, ConnDOT, and Providers of Public Transportation/ Public Transportation Operators and allow the Executive Director to sign, provided the Council of Governments submits a document stating that Providers of Public Transportation/ Public Transportation Operators equals Transit Operators. The motion was seconded by Michael Freda, and approved by a vote of 7 yea, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes will be approved during the next BOD meeting.

**Subcommittee Recommendation of Executive Director:**

On a motion made by Judith Amarone, seconded by Michael Freda the recommendation made by the subcommittee to appoint Mario Marrero as GNHTD's Executive Director was unanimously approved.

**Reports of the Officers:**

Mr. Marrero provided the Quarterly Operations Report and Mr. McGough provided the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. Discussion ensued regarding operating statistics, departmental productivity, and the recruitment process. Agency wide revenues and trends to date are within budgetary projections. There being no further discussion, Michael Freda moved acceptance of the Quarterly Operations Report and Quarterly Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dan Kops and unanimously approved.

**Departmental Reports:****Human Resources**

Mr. McGough gave highlights of the HR report.

**Capital and Procurement**

Mr. McGough gave highlights of the Procurement report and upcoming projects and bids.

**Safety and Security (Risk Management)**

Mr. Marrero gave highlights of the Risk Management report, the D&A program, and Workers Compensation.

**Facility Maintenance**

Mr. Marrero gave highlights of the Facility report.

**Fleet Maintenance**

Mr. Marrero gave highlights of the Fleet report. New Ford Transit Abilitrax vehicles ordered for pilot. A discussion ensued regarding vehicle electrification.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Marrero welcomed new board members and continue working with towns to fill Board vacancies. Mr. Marrero provided updates on ridership, Covid-19 cases, grants, new initiatives, workforce development, talent acquisition, 1000/1014 leases and facility updates. Mr. Marrero mentioned the preparation efforts in advance of triennial, the CTTransit changes, the distribution of the bargaining unit bonus, and the reaching of an agreement with Teamsters Local 441 regarding sick time for PT drivers.

## **Report of Committees**

### a) Executive Committee

- i. Mary Bigelow began a discussion regarding the 333 State St. property and the next steps.
- ii. A discussion ensued regarding hybrid meetings. The District plan on implementing during the October BOD meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. on a motion by Melinda Tuhus, seconded by Dan Kops.