

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CONNECT TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2019

**351 Wylie Drive – Board Room #135
Normal, Illinois 61761**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Connect Transit was held on December 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Connect Transit located at 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, Illinois 61761.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Mike McCurdy
Vice Chairman Ryan Whitehouse
Secretary Monica Bullington
Trustee John Bowman
Trustee Julie Hile
Trustee Judy Buchanan (via telephone conference)

CITY MANAGERS: Town of Normal Manager Pam Reece - Absent
Bloomington City Manager Tim Gleason - Absent

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager, Isaac Thorne

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Connect Transit was called to order by Chairman Mike McCurdy at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Chairman McCurdy asked for a *Motion* to allow Trustee Buchanan to participate in Meeting via telephone conference; *Motion* made by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____.

AYE: All
NAY: None

The Board approved the *Motion* to allow Trustee Buchanan to participate in the Special Meeting via telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation for Illinois State University Universal Access Agreement Extension

General Manager Thorne introduced the *Recommendation* to the Board requesting the Board approve a six (6) month extension of the *Illinois State University Universal Access Agreement* for the period from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The General Manager continued to set out the financial impact to Connect by stating that from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 the contract amount with ISU would be \$289,068 or an increase of 4% over the next six (6) months (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020). The contract increase for fiscal year 2020 would be 4.04% or \$22,018. Connect and ISU will continue to meet for discussions of the cost structure of the FY2021 contract. This extension would be contingent upon the approval by the *Illinois State University Board of Trustees*.

The *Universal Access Agreement* allows students, faculty and staff of Illinois State University to ride Connect Transit fixed route buses when swiping a valid campus identification card. Connect has provided universal access to ISU since 2006.

Chairman McCurdy asked the Board for a *Motion to Approve Recommendation of Illinois State University Universal Access Agreement Extension*, moved by Trustee Bullington, seconded by Trustee Bowman.

AYE: All.

NAY: None.

The Recommendation of *Illinois State University Universal Access Agreement Extension* for a period of six (6) months (January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020) was approved by the Board.

Recommendation for Heartland Community College Universal Access Agreement Extension

General Manager Thorne introduced the *Recommendation* to the Board requesting the approval of the renewal of the *Universal Access Agreement* with *Heartland Community College* for a period of six (6) months commencing January 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2020.

The *Universal Access Agreement* allows students and employees of *Heartland Community College* to ride Connect Transit fixed route buses when displaying a valid HCC identification card.

Heartland Community College Universal Access cost per ride will increase to \$.825 or ten percent (10%). The six (6) month contract extension will be based on an estimate of 57,500 rides at a cost of \$.825, provided from January 1, 2020 until June 30, 2020.

Motion to Approve *the Recommendation for Heartland Community College Universal Access Agreement Extension*, moved by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee Bullington.

AYE: All.

NAY: None.

The *Recommendation for Heartland Community College Universal Access Agreement Extension* was approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Mike McCurdy entertained a *Motion for Adjournment*.

Trustee Bowman moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bullington

AYE: All

NAY: None

Motion carried, and the Board of Trustees adjourned the *Special Meeting* at 5:00 p.m.



Secretary Monica Bullington

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