

**CONNECT TRANSIT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ANNUAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 21, 2017**

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Connect Transit was held at the Connect Transit Board Room #135, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, Illinois 61761 on March 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:           Mike McCurdy, Vice-Chairman  
                                      Ryan Whitehouse, Secretary  
                                      John Bowman  
                                      Judy Buchanan  
                                      Lauren Lacey  
                                      Jennifer McDade  
                                      John Thomas

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

CITY MANAGERS:           Mark Peterson, Town of Normal

STAFF PRESENT:            Andrew Johnson, General Manager  
                                      Julie Beer, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy opened the meeting and stated according to the By-Laws, the Annual Meeting is to be held in March of each year to elect Board officers for the upcoming fiscal year. He reminded the Board he had previously selected Trustees Judy Buchanan and Lauren Lacey to serve as a nominating committee for officer positions. They were tasked with surveying the Board for their interest in holding an officer position for the upcoming fiscal year. He requested that Trustee Lacey provide the Board with an overview of the process.

Trustee Lauren Lacey addressed the Board. She stated she and Trustee Buchanan had spoken with all of the Trustees, including both City Managers. They collected feedback and interest in serving in officer positions. Time commitment was discussed and basic thoughts regarding the roles of the officers. Based on the feedback received she and Trustee Judy Buchanan agreed to nominate Mike McCurdy as Chairman, herself as Vice Chairman and Ryan Whitehouse as Secretary. It was her hope that the Board would consider approving the slate as a whole.

Trustee Jennifer McDade addressed the Board. She questioned why Secretary Ryan Whitehouse had been nominated to serve as Secretary as opposed to Vice Chairman. Secretary Ryan Whitehouse responded when originally surveyed, he was uninterested in serving in the Vice Chairman role, and was happy to continue serving in the Secretary role. After reconsideration, he has since changed his mind.

Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy stated the Board could entertain a motion to approve the current nominations or alternate nominations from the floor.

Trustee Jennifer McDade stated her preference that everyone serve in the roles they feel best suited. She questioned if Secretary Ryan Whitehouse would entertain the Vice Chairman role or if it was his preference to remain in the Secretary role. Secretary Ryan Whitehouse responded he would entertain the Vice Chairman role.

Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy questioned if the other officer nominations would remain on the slate. Trustee Judy Buchanan stated at the conclusion of the nominating committee's survey, the nominations were made based on the feedback that had been received. Trustee Lacey stated she was comfortable with switching to the Secretary position. Secretary Ryan Whitehouse stated he was supportive of Trustee Lacey serving in the Secretary role. He had a chance to rethink his decision to serve in the Vice Chair role.

Motion by Trustee Judy Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Jennifer McDade that Mike McCurdy be elected to service as Chairman, Ryan Whitehouse elected to serve as Vice Chairman, and Lauren Lacey elected to serve as Secretary for the upcoming fiscal year.

AYE: Secretary Ryan Whitehouse, Trustees John Bowman, Judy Buchanan, Lauren Lacey, Jennifer McDade, and John Thomas.

NAY: Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy stated he believed the nominating committee had put a lot of time and effort into their work and therefore he cast a nay vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Lauren Lacey, Seconded by Trustee Jennifer McDade to adjourn.

AYE: All

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Time: 4:15 p.m.

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Julie Beer, Executive Assistant