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B. Special DART Commission Meeting (Reimagine) – Monday, September 22, 2025 – 12:00 P.M.	
13. NEXT MEETING: Regular DART Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – 12:00 P.M.	
14. ADJOURN	

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**DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HOSTED IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY
620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES IA 50309
April 1, 2025**



(Meeting was held in a hybrid format)

Dean O'Connor, Todd Shafer, Angela McKenzie, Chris Coleman, Connie Boesen (zoom), Paula Dierenfeld, Angela Connolly, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (zoom), Tom Hadden, Joseph Jones (zoom) and Lauren Campbell

Commissioners Absent:

Michael McCoy, Andrew Borcharding and Ross Grooters

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Notice of the meeting was duly published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the April 1, 2025, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery asked Amanda Wanke, DART CEO, to introduce Carrie Butler from the FTA. Carrie serves as the FTA's Region VII Administrator. Carrie thanked the Commission and staff for their work and shared a few introductory words.

Garland Armstrong from Des Moines thanked Mayor Boesen for providing him with a ride to his home when she saw him standing at the bus stop in the cold weather.

Thomas Armstrong from Des Moines inquired if the same bus stop will remain at the Hy-Vee on the south side of Des Moines. Staff will follow up appropriately.

Alec Davis from Momentum Des Moines shared the spring DART crawl on Saturday, April 4 and invited the commissioners to attend.

CONSENT ITEMS

6A. Commission Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2025

6B. State Consolidated Grant Funding Application FY 2026

6C. FY 2026 State PTIG Grant Application

6D. June 2025 Service Change Approval

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6E. Title VI Program Approval

6F. Computerized Wheel Alignment System Approval

6G. Adsplosure Contract Approval

6H. February Consolidated Financials

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2026 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES

Amber Dakan, Finance Director, provided a brief background on the FY2026 Budget.

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery opened a Public Hearing at 12:14 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2026 budget and tax levy rates and asked for comments from the floor.

Heather Armstrong, Garland Armstrong and Thomas Washington all spoke during the public hearing concerning DART route observations. No comments were related to the FY 2026 DART budget.

Heather Washendorf commented through the online chat concerns regarding ongoing legislative changes potentially impacting the FY 2026 DART budget.

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery closed the Public Hearing of the FY 2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates at 12:22 p.m. No action was taken.

7A – Approve FY2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates

It was moved by Angela Connolly and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the FY 2026 Budget and Tax Levy Rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8A – Reimagine DART Budget Scenarios and Legislative Update

Erin Hockman, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an update on Reimagine DART as well as a legislative update.

9A - PRESENTATION – REIMAGINE DART CONCEPTS

Ricky Angueira from Jarrett Walker & Associates presented on the Reimagine DART concepts and choices.

DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORTS (BY EXCEPTION)

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery asked the Commission to refer to their packets to review the monthly department reports except for the CEO report.

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12A – Operations and Planning

12B – External Affairs

12C – Human Resources

12D – Chief Executive Officer

Amanda Wanke, Chief Executive Officer, shared that the DART bus Roadeo will be held on Saturday, May 17, at the Fairgrounds. Additionally, we will be sending out a save the date for the commission, Reimagine DART cabinet and stakeholders to have the opportunity to drive a bus on Friday, May 16 from 3-5 p.m. More information to come. Finally, a shout out to our staff and operators; over the last month, we have had two separate occasions in which DART has been informed of missing youths in the metro and on both occasions DART staff were able to locate and reunite them with their families. Also, staff have been working hard on completing all the requirements needed for our triennial FTA review which is set for this year. We will have an onsite review later this year, which we will keep you updated on.

12E – Performance Report – February 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery shared that the Executive Committee is working on the timeline and survey questions for the CEO Annual Review and will be bringing the timeline up earlier this year. There will be a survey to come out in May, and we will likely have our Commission exempt session on this at the July 8 meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Regular DART Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Bridget Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Chair

Clerk

5/6/25

Date