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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
August 29, 2024***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met for a regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at the City of Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

**Members in attendance:**

Berry Gray, Chairman; Hiawatha Jones, Vice Chairman; Octavius Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Taylor; and Rob Dingess

**Members absent:;** Barbara Aycock

**Others in attendance:** Don C. Willis, Director

**Call to Order**

Chairman Berry Gray called the meeting to order at 10:03AM and welcomed Board members. There was a roll call to assure a quorum was present of appointed Board members.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Gray asked the Board members to review and approve the proposed agenda. Rob Dingess made a motion to approve the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Hiawatha Jones and received unanimous approvals.

**Election of At Large Member**

Board discussed and agreed to table the election of the seventh and at-large member to the GWTA Board until the September meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gray requested the Board review and approve the minutes provided. A motion was made by Rob Dingess to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2024. Octavius Murphy seconded the motion. The Board provided unanimous approval of the minutes.

**Marketing and Public Relations Update**

Director reported staff from QCA will attend the September meeting and present a Marketing Plan for the year, and seek feedback on services to be provided. Director discussed the new “EZ App” and QR Code developed by QCA and that there has already been an increase in job interest as a result. A flyer for outreach to first responders was also produced.

**Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)**

Director provided recommendations for new members for the TAB, which is an advisory board required by the NCDOT. Board members discussed the proposals and to assure a broad

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representation of perspectives and geography in the county. Director noted the proposed new members included a rider who is a person with a disability, as well as a person who can translate French-Creole and advocate in that community. After further discussion, Rob Dingess made a motion to approve the membership proposed. Hiawatha Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Director noted it is already a large board, and there would be opportunity to identify and add a few more members in the months ahead.

Following are the individuals appointed:

Micajah Anderson	Barbara Aycock	Chip Crumpler	Paula Edwards
Berry Gray	Amy Hartley	Suzanne LeDoyen	Joanna Morrisette
Roy Publico	Amy Smith	Keith Spivey	Tyrone Starkey
Gary Tillman	Valerie Wallace	Michelle Washington	Nina Williams

**Training**

Director noted that GWTA employees received Emergency Procedure and Accident Reporting refresher training at the August meeting.

**Other Items**

Director discussed an upcoming grant application for rural funding which would require a public hearing at the September Board meeting to meet the October 4, 2024 deadline. The application will be for FY26 Community Transportation Program (CTP) funds. Hiawatha Jones made a motion to hold the public hearing. Rob Dingess seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director and Chair provided an update on the potential “pocket park” the City of Goldsboro is interested in creating adjacent to the GWTA transfer center. A walk through and discussion was held with representatives from the city and an RFQ process is underway. Board had discussed liability concerns at the last meeting. The lease agreement was reviewed and attorney recommended that the lease be adjusted should the pocket park plan move forward. Board members further discussed the amenities that the park would bring and also potential challenges to be addressed. No further action was taken by the Board at this time.

Director reported GWTA has continued to meet with representatives for the upcoming Freedom Fest event on September 7<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Goldsboro to discuss how GWTA may be helpful. Board members discussed options and limitations of GWTA. Director proposed that GWTA operate fare free bus services on the day of Freedom Fest as well as to support the event by offering shuttle services from a disabled parking lot to the event. In addition, to offer access to a parking lot south of Union Station which is closer to the event. After further discussion, Hiawatha Jones made a motion to support these recommendations. Rob Dingess seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Gray asked if there was any further business. Hearing no further business, Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 11:16am.

Submitted by: Don C. Willis