

# ***Access Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority***

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## ***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

*(\*\*Portions of these meeting minutes are incomplete due to a recording failure.)*

***Wednesday, April 22, 2015***

### ***Board of Directors:***

Chairman - James F. White  
Vice Chairman - Rick E. Morin

### **Executive Board**

Mary Ann Murray  
Ian Perrault  
Beverly Ann Rock  
Lisa Weber

### ***Notables***

The AACT Executive Board will meet from 10:00 AM to noon and the Membership meeting will be conducted from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except when noted.

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Comments and questions concerning AACT should be directed to Chairman

James White by contacting the AACT Coordinator, Ms. Janie Guion, at *Voice: 857.702.3658, Fax: 617.570.9192, TDD: 617 570.9193, E-mail: [AACT@ctps.org](mailto:AACT@ctps.org)*, or at c/o CTPS, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116 (mail).

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Announcements are always welcome. Please be prepared to give as many details as possible: date, time, location, contact person, and phone number. A written notice is always appreciated.

**Meeting opened at 10:02 AM**

**Reading of the Agenda**

**Introductions**

**Attendees**

James White, Rick Morin, Ian Perrault, Mary A. Murray, and Lisa Weber

**MPO Staff:**

Janie Guion

## ***Chairman's Report***

*The Chair stated the following:*

- AACT has been invited to take part in the Red and Orange Line Car Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to start in May, with AACT involvement. The new vehicles will have a variety of accessible features. The design process will take up to three years for the Orange Line and longer for the Red Line cars.
- He met with Gerald Francis, the new general manager for Keolis Commuter Services, who stressed the need for his staff to have the ADA training to help identify and aid passengers who have disabilities. He noted that Mr. Francis is looking forward to the collaboration between the MBTA's System-Wide Accessibility directorate, Keolis, and a customer engagement group, (which includes AACT) that will develop the training.

- He informed the members that AACT, along with other disability stakeholders, is part of a newly formed customer engagement group. He will have more information about their efforts at the next meeting.
- He attended the bus operator Recertification Training and the National Express Transit passenger assistance training.

## *Treasury Report*

Chairman White stated he has had no luck at opening up an account for the (\$1280). He noted that the issue is that AACT is not established as a charitable organization. He also noted that making a deposit of that sum may impact his Social Security Income benefits. The check for \$1280.00 and letter will be returned to Ms. Harlon with a request to issue the funds as a card.

## **\*\*Committee Reports**

*Lisa Weber, AACT Board of Directors and representative to the MBTA's Rider Oversight Committee (ROC) discussed the activities of the committee.*

- The Secretary of Transportation attended the ROC meeting. She answered questions and gave updates. She noted that she would be taking all issues into consideration, including the needs of people with disabilities, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- As the AACT represented she stated there is a lot of advocacy at meetings and that she is always pleased to remind everyone not to forget the needs of the disability community.

## *Old Business*

\*\*None was presented.

## *New Business*

\*\*None were presented.

## *Announcements*

**\*\*None were presented.**

***Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.***