



## MEETING MINUTES

### Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Board of Trustees

January 14, 2026

#### **Board Members Present:**

Abuzuaiter, Marikay – Greensboro TAC  
Alston, Skip – Guilford County  
Andrew, Tim – High Point City Council  
Bennett, Graham – NCDOT Board of Transportation / PTI Airport  
Besse, Dan – Forsyth County  
Carter, Steve – Alamance County  
Frye, Darrell – Randolph County  
Fox, Mike – NCDOT Board of Transportation  
Kennett, Beth – Mayor City of Burlington  
Morris, Rick – Stokes County  
Richardson, Mark – Rockingham County  
Ward, Bob – Burlington/Graham TAC

#### **Others Present:**

Scott Rhine – CEO/General Manager, PART; Tom Terrell, Fox Rothschild, LLP; Connie Conklin, PART; Tammy Turner, PART; Andrew Sowers, PART; Lisa Huffman, PART

Guests - 3

#### **I) Call to Order – Roll Call and Ethics Statement**

Marikay Abuzuaiter requested any PART Board members with conflicts of interest to identify those conflicts and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.

**There were no identified conflicts from PART Board members.**

#### **II) Public Speakers signed/registered for public comment**

There were no public speakers.

#### **III) Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

The November 12, 2025, PART Board of Trustee meeting minutes were accepted without revisions.

**Motion to accept the November 12, 2025 meeting minutes: Mark Richardson**

**Second: Dan Besse**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 12 – Yes**

#### **IV) Report from PART Board Committee**

##### **A. Finance Committee**

Steve Carter presented an update from the PART Finance Committee meeting held on November 12, 2025:

- **General Fund** – Revenues are 25.5% of the annual budget with expenditures 22% of the annual budget due to interest income and one-time revenue from the sale of the Asbury Church Road property.
- **Grants Fund** – Includes the purchase of 2 – 15-passenger vehicles.
- **Commuter Resources Fund** – Revenues are 24% of the annual budget with expenditures 20% of the annual budget due to lower fuel cost.

**V) Consideration of PART Board Business Items**

**A. New Business**

**1) Report of Recommended 2026 PART Board Officers**

**a) Acceptance of Recommendations**

Darrell Frye presented the PART 2026 Board Officer Nominations:

Chairperson, Mark Richardson  
Vice-Chairperson, Marikay Abuzuaiter  
Treasurer, Steve Carter  
Secretary, Dan Besse

**Motion to accept the 2026 PART Board Officers: Darrell Frye**

**Second: Skip Alston**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 12 – Yes**

**2) Oath of Office for Incoming PART Board of Trustee Member**

**a) Mayor Beth Kennett, City of Burlington**

Scott Rhine presented Mayor Beth Kennett of the City of Burlington as a new PART Board Member. Tom Terrell administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Beth Kennett being sworn in on January 14, 2026. PART Board members welcomed Mayor Kennett.

**3) Resolution Accepting Final FY 2024-2025 Annual Audit**

**a) Brief Presentation, Chad Cook, Forvis Mazars LLP**

Scott Rhine introduced Chad Cook, Director with Forvis Manars LLP. Mr. Cook reported the preliminary financial results for the FY 2024-2025 annual audit were presented at the November 12, 2025, PART Board meeting. There were no findings or deficiencies in the financial statements nor the internal controls. The financial statements for FY 2024-2025 were presented to the NC LGC in December for review.

**Motion to approve the FY Ending June 30, 2025, Audited Financial Report: Skip Alston**

**Second: Tim Andrew**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 12 - Yes**

**4) Consideration of Quarterly Treasurer's Report**

**a) FY 2025-2026 General Budget, Grants Budget, Commuter Resources Budget**

Connie Conklin, CPA/CFO PART Director of Finance and Administration, presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report.

**General Fund** – Revenues are 25.5% of the annual budget due to interest income and \$182,000

in unbudgeted, one-time revenue from the sale of the Asbury Church property. Expenditures are 22% of the annual budget, with PART Express accounting for approximately 89% of the overall underrun due to lower operational costs.

**Grants Fund** – Two 15-passenger vehicles were purchased. An additional two vans are anticipated in Q2, with the remaining seven mini vans expected in Q3; 4 of the vans will be utilized for Micro transit services.

**Commuter Resources Fund** – Revenues are 24% of the annual budget, while expenditures are 20% prior to transfers. Lower fuel costs contributed to reduced expenditures.

**Motion to accept the FY 2025-2026 Quarterly Treasurer’s Report: Marikay Abuzuaiter**

**Second: Mike Fox**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 12 - Yes**

**5) Consideration of Annual NCDOT TDM Grant**

**a) NCDOT Program Resolution**

Tom Terrell advised PART Board members, Mike Fox and Graham Bennett with the NCDOT Board of Transportation, do not have to recuse themselves from the vote as there is no conflict of interest.

Scott Rhine presented PART is submitting a grant application for federal and state funding for public transportation with NCDOT for FY 2027.

**Motion to approve the NCDOT Program Resolution for FY 2027: Dan Besse**

**Second: Marikay Abuzuaiter**

**Discussion: None**

**Vote: Unanimous 12 – Yes**

**B. Old Business**

**None**

**VI) Departmental Staff Reports**

Scott Rhine provided updated information items for Departmental Staff reports and the CEO/General Manager updates that are included in the agenda packet.

- Regional Stored Value (UMO) is moving forward and requires full participation from local cities to be completed. Link Transit, WSTA, and PART have schedules in place for implementation; High Point and Greensboro will need updates before implementation can occur. Future expansion of regional stored value may also include NC State Employees and the Rail system.

**VII) Chairperson Report**

Chair Mark Richardson invited all PART Board members to join the PART Board Finance, Personnel and Ops/Planning Committees. The Finance Committee will meet following the February 11<sup>th</sup> PART Board meeting, and the Ops/Planning Committee to meet in March.

**VIII) Adjourn**