

# FINAL

## COBB TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

August 25, 2025

### MEETING MINUTES

#### TAB Members Present

Allison Bickers  
James Darden  
John (J. T.) Jackson  
Cherie Newton  
Mark Riggans  
Forrest Shealy  
Thomas Shibley  
Jeff Souther

#### TAB Members Not Present

LaSandra Boykin  
William Eastin  
Ken Marlin  
Matt Stigall

#### Cobb County DOT & Others Present

Morgan Simmons, DOT Deputy Director/Intermodal  
Theo Letman, DOT Division Manager  
Mark Lambert, DOT Business Manager  
Marcia Lankford, DOT Admin.  
Eric Mercier, DOT Contracts Manager  
Michael Turrisi, DOT Transit Planner  
Ayana Pope, Transdev General Manager  
Mark Tuttle, Transdev Operations Manager  
Jamorris R. Brice, Public

#### CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Chair Allison Bickers** called the TAB meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All TAB members, DOT staff, Transdev staff, and public guest introduced themselves. With a quorum of TAB members present, **Mr. Riggans** made a motion and **Mr. Shibley** seconded to approve the TAB meeting minutes from June 23, 2025. Five of eight TAB members present voted to accept the minutes as submitted. **Chair Bickers** and **Secretary Souther** abstained from voting.

#### Committee Reports

Standing Committee:

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) - no report.
- The Nominating Committee – no report.

Ad Hoc Committee:

- The Planning, Infrastructure, & Innovation Committee – no report.

Recommendation to Remove Ms. **LaSandra Boykin** from TAB: Motion by **Mr. Riggans** and seconded by **Mr. Darden** to approve submission of Recommendation to the BOC to remove **Ms. LaSandra Boykin** from TAB.

Vote: Approved - 8.

**DOT** will follow up with TAB on the process to write and submit the Recommendation.

#### Old Business

None.

**New Business**

**DOT** and **TAB** discussed that TAB committees meet regarding potential service changes. **Chair Bickers** will send an email to the Planning, Infrastructure, & Innovation Committee as well as the Operations and Service Committee to schedule a joint meeting with the new Transit Planner to discuss potential service changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Jamorris Brice** addressed TAB regarding:

- (1) Late pick up for Paratransit trips when no driver was issued to his locations within the windows of time
- (2) Maintenance of facilities at Cumberland and Marietta Transfer Centers
- (3) Suggested option for ability to upload money on card via the MyStop APP, obtain remaining balance on card, and make purchases
- (4) Ethics of drivers

**DOT** spoke with Mr. Bryce after the meeting to fully understand his concerns and to determine how to address them.

**DOT Department Update**

**Ms. Simmons** presented the DOT Department Update:

- Department Focus Items
  - Recent Grant Activities (Low or No Emission Grant Program and Transit Trust Fund Grant)
  - Transit Bus Advertising Services
  - World Cup Preparations
  - Marketing Efforts
  - Potential Cost Impacts to Service Changes
  - DOT Staffing Update
- Program and Project Status Update
- Operational Review Update
- Outreach and Communication Update
  - Travel Training – Senior Council Event at MUST Ministries, September 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Outreach - KSU Student Fare Program, August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Future Agenda Items
  - Actions:
    - **Chair Bickers** requested DOT to help TAB identify future projects for TAB committees to discuss for future agenda items to go to the BOC. **Chair Bickers** requested TAB committees to bring full Recommendation(s) to the TAB meeting on September 22, 2025.
    - **DOT** will circle back with TAB before the September meeting for clarity.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next TAB meeting is on September 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. With no further discussion, **Mr. Shealy** made a motion and **Mr. Souther** seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

September 22, 2025

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Approved