

**Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee  
PCAC Meeting  
Chair's Report — Randy Glucksman  
September 4, 2014**

Welcome to the quarterly PCAC meeting and 2 Broadway, which soon will be the new home of the PCAC. We are currently scheduled to move in the last full week of September, so it appears that we, along with MTA Headquarters, will soon be saying goodbye to 347 Madison Avenue. From this point forward, our quarterly meetings will be held in this building. Unfortunately, the MTA's new Board room is still under construction and so it is not available for our use today.

The NYC Transit Riders Council will be meeting in the room we are using today, which is directly next to the new PCAC office space. The LIRR Commuter Council will continue to meet in the East Side Access Readiness offices near Penn Station. The Metro-North Commuter Council will move its meetings to Metro-North Railroad space in the Graybar building.

It's exciting to be moving to a new space, but it's with both sadness and appreciation that I open this meeting, as Jim Blair has announced his intention to leave the MNRCC and PCAC after twenty-three years of service. Jim has devoted a great deal of time and effort to the work of the PCAC and MNRCC and served as PCAC Chair in the previous time a MNRCC member held the office.

When the chair rotated to the NYCTRC, Jim continued to serve the PCAC as a Vice-Chair and most recently has been acting as the MNRCC representative on the PCAC Executive Committee. In addition to all of this, until this June Jim served as the MNRCC's non-voting representative on the MTA Board. I ask everyone here today to give Jim a round of applause in appreciation for all he has done for riders and for this organization, and then Jim can say a few words if he wishes. Also, as a token of our respect and affection, the PCAC will be making a donation in Jim's honor to a charity of his choosing.

Congratulations to MNRCC Vice Chair Neal Zuckerman, who is now among the newest members of the MTA Board. As you may know, Neal was confirmed to the position by the New York State Senate in the waning hours of their last session on June 19. Along with Neal, Board Members Andrew Albert and Ira Greenberg were confirmed for new terms. I also once again want to thank Jim Blair for his service as our MTA Board representative for over a decade. In his time on the Board, Jim served with distinction and was never afraid to ask hard questions about the operation of Metro-North as well as about the MTA and its other operating agencies. I am sure that Neal will follow in Jim's footsteps and bring his own set of skills, knowledge, and abilities to representing Metro-North riders on the MTA Board.

We have a new PCAC member, Scott Nicholls of Staten Island, who was appointed to the NYCTRC by the Governor in July, replacing Tom Jost. I'll leave his introduction to Andrew Albert in the NYCTRC Chair's report.

On July 16, I was the first witness of the day to testify before the MTA Transportation Reinvention Commission. In my testimony I focused on the infrastructure needs of the MTA system and the need to have strong management in place and to make a strong case for capital investment to meet these infrastructure needs. I stressed the need for communication with the community to build support for public investment in Metro-North and the MTA system as a whole. I also noted the loss of talented and experienced staff throughout the MTA and the resulting impact on the organization. Earlier this year, the Council had a discussion with Metro-North staff on these staffing issues, and we raised them with MNR President Giulietti when we met with him in June. Bill Henderson testified later in the meeting and focused on the issues of improving planning for MTA capital improvements and ensuring that necessary funding is available.