

# Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019

A meeting of the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council (LIRRCC) was convened at 4:30 pm on January 10, 2019 in the LIRR Transportation Service Conference Room, 1 Penn Plaza , Penn Station, New York.

#### **Member Attendance**

Mark Epstein (Chair)	Present
Gerard P. Bringmann (Vice Chair)	Present
Sheila Carpenter	Absent
Michael Godino	Present
Larry Rubinstein	Phone
Raymond Pagano	Absent
Bryan Peranzo	Absent
Marilyn Poterson	Absent

#### **Staff Attendance**

Lisa Daglian (Executive Director)	
Ellyn Shannon (Associate Director) Ab	sent
Bradley Brashears (Planning Manager) Ab	sent
Sheila Binesh (Transportation Planner) Pre	esent
Karyl Cafiero (Research Associate) Ab	sent
Deborah Morrison (Administrative Assistant) Ab	sent

#### Non-member Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Will Fisher	LIRR
Hector Garcia	LIRR
Matt Kessler	Concerned Citizen

Approval of Agenda for January 10, 2019 meeting. Approval of Minutes for November 1, 2018 meeting.

Due to lack of Quorum, these actions could not be taken -

### Chair's Report attached.

Presenter: Will Fisher, Chief Innovation Officer on MyLIRR App

Due to the lack of attendance, January's LIRRCC's meeting went into executive session. LIRR's new Chief Innovation Officer, Will Fisher, presented on the new myLIRR app, which allows LIRR commuters to track their specific train. The app, now in beta testing, uses GPS technology on the train and can more accurately depict location and train arrival times than the countdown clocks (which are based in the timing points). However, only one train can be viewed at a time and only from when it departs the first station. They would like to eventually add the level of crowding for each car. This information is relayed based on the weight sensors on the trains, which is currently not available on all trains. In addition, there will be options to add in open source information, so passengers can send live updates that will be posted to the app. You can test the app at: https://www.mylirr.org/

#### **Old Business**

- LIRRCC continues to raise questions about the station house opening hours, especially as the weather gets colder.
- LIRRCC calls for an official follow up, in writing, from the railroad on the exact purpose of the cameras on trains and how many days they are stored for.
- LIRRCC asks for clarity on the policy of passengers not activating their e-ticket when the conductor comes around. Will there be a fee charged or not? The council says the wording should be changed on the policy.

#### **New Business**

- The contract for the Yaphank station project has been awarded.
- Starting from April, for 5 months the LIRR will sustain weekend closures. There will be
  no service to Mineola and Hicksville during that time. The railroad is looking for
  suggestions on alternative travel options, including deploying buses locally on Long
  Island.
- There has been pressure on the LIRR to complete the East Side Access project sooner than the projected date.
- The President of LIRR, Phil Eng, is not happy with the 'Brooklyn Scoot Service" and is reexamining it from a bigger picture of service across the system. Some one seat rides into Atlantic Terminal will be maintained. The Platform F is still under construction at Atlantic Terminal.

#### **Action Items**

## **LIRRCC MINUTES**

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- Obtain a resignation letter from member Sheila Carpenter
- Work on obtaining new members for current and future vacancies
- Follow up with Hector Garcia on Old Business

# Adjourned

The Executive Session meeting was not recorded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian Executive Director