



Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2018

A meeting of the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council (LIRRCC) was convened at 4:30 pm on Thursday, October 11, 2018 in the LIRR East Side Access Readiness Conference RM, 450 7th Ave, 20th Floor, New York, New York.

Member Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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| Lisa Daglian (Executive Director) | Present |
| Ellyn Shannon (Associate Director) | Absent |
| Bradley Brashears (Planning Manager) | Present |
| Sheila Binesh (Transportation Planner) | Present |
| Karyl Cafiero (Research Associate) | Absent |
| Deborah Morrison (Administrative Assistant) | Absent |
| Jayendra Bhardwaj (Intern) | Absent |

Non-member Attendance

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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Time Point

Video Part 1
00:09

Approval of Agenda for October 11, 2018 meeting.

Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2018 meeting.

Chair's Report attached.

00:30 **Board Report:**

- Low LIRR performance
- Ronkonkoma branch service should be better since 2nd track
- Nassau County and LIRRCC board representation?
- PTC might have passenger impacts/ OTP
- Equip terminals with positive stop time system

02:30 G. Bringmann: LIRR should advertise PTC more. Alerts and press releases

05:27 L. Daglian: Equipping the stations?

I. Greenberg: CBTC procurements for NYCT with less infrastructure, but no talk about that application for the commuter railroads for the major terminals.

09:22 **Action Item: write a letter/release to chairman to take advantage of technology that's being looked (CBCT). Ira as point person.**

10:36 M. Epstein: make sure signage is clear of which tack side is A/B since the opening of 2nd track. **Contact LIRR about signage**

13:03 L. Rubenstein: Construction at Bellmore working on the waiting rooms.

14:56 M. Epstein: **Follow up letter on waiting room hours at all stations. Action Item**

16:14

L. Daglian: goes with winter readiness: to keep the waiting rooms open as long as possible

16:30

G. Bringmann: We should question somethings. LIRR says they close early because of vagrancy and vandalism. LIRR can reach out to local municipalities to keep a closer eye on them if it meant keeping them open longer.

17:20

M. Epstein: LIRR says it's the towns that ask them to close the waiting rooms earlier.

18:57 G. Bringmann: previously there was no follow up of issues and record them. I.e. trains that mis-platform. Sometimes the crews haven't caught it and the doors have opened to no platforms. We asked the LIRR if they record/track them or give penalties.

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- 21:33 M. Epstein: Follow up on the camera letter
L. Daglian: My concern is they would say it's a homeland security issue and not release that information.
M. Epstein: the questions are listed in the letter

Discussion on camera:

- Ask once more give LIRR 2 weeks, then go public
- Cameras in engineer's cab?

- 25:00 M. Epstein: Pull out all letters from past 1.5/2 years and see what has or has not been followed up to.

Follow up on pervious letters

Create calendar notifications to remind every 30 days

- 31:33 M. Poterson: Crossing over the tracks is dangerous at Central Islip. There should be an overpass built or the train should stop on the other tracks.

Video Part 2 G. Bringmann: improvement on communications via text and email alerts.

- 05:00 Went from train 'late 6 min' to train 'ETA.' Still need to update the GPS tracking to be more accurate.

M. Epstein: I'm more concerned about the information on the app. But they are all connected.

G. Bringmann: Improved verbal announcements on where to board train. They should have email blast about schedules on holidays.

- 11:17 M. Epstein: LIRRCC posters in LIRR stations. **Follow up on LIRRCC posters in waiting rooms.** Coloring should not blend in with LIRR

- 12:20 L. Rubenstein: Complaints about music on platforms at new stations.

- 16:08 M. Epstein: We want to tour M9s before they go into service. **Ask LIRR for the tour**

- 18:40 L. Rubenstein: We would like to know when the focus groups are, what are the questions are, the feedback, actions taken.

- 20:33 M. Epstein: Maintenance of station schedules. **Ask for signs to be posted of dates when last inspected/ cleaned.** Should be online as well

- Getting a generic council cards
- Reschedule Meet the Council events – around November at Penn and Atlantic.
- Virtual town hall with the president (ask about how to do that)
- Meet the station managers
- List of 5 things you didn't know about the LIRR (positive/informational)

Adjourned

Action Items

- Write a letter/release to chairman to take advantage of technology that's being looked similar to ultra-wide band or CBCT
- Contact LIRR about platform signage side A / B in double track area
- Follow up on LIRRCC posters in waiting rooms.
- Follow up letter on waiting room hours at all stations.
- Follow up letter on posting station cleaning schedule
- Follow up on past letter to LIRR on cameras & create calendar notifications to remind every 30 days
- Ask LIRR to tour M9s before in service
- Reschedule Meet the Council events

Youtube Video links:

[Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian
Executive Director