



Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2019

A meeting of the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council (LIRRCC) was convened at 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the Transportation Service Conference RM, 1 Penn Plaza New York, New York.

Member Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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

Non-member Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Matthew L. Kessler	Concerned citizen

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**Approval of Agenda for February 14, 2019 meeting.
Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2019 meeting.**

Chair's Report attached.

Community Report:

- Waiting room closed early at Ronkonkoma. It used to close at 7 pm. Including the waiting rooms upstairs
- Get Far Rockaway on the City Ticket program
- No heat at Hunters Point station seating area
- People at the LIRR in decision making positions are driving.
- Sunnyside discussion resurfaced
- LIC service

Meet the LIRR President Event

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There was not good promotion of the event: no station announcements in the week leading up to the event. Phil Eng referenced meeting with riders, but not working with the LIRRCC.

Issues: Parking and fares.

Riders love the new waiting room. Need to enforce the no e-cig smoking policy.

Hicksville

Issues: Cleanliness, conductors not doing their job, standing on crowded trains, parking, and ticketing cars during service disruptions that park and ride from another station.

The County and Towns need to work closely with the LIRR on parking issues. Our op-ed calls for a parking authority to deal with these issues that the rail road cannot address alone.

New Business

Meet the Council Event

We need our members to volunteer and be present at our event for effective outreach to riders. Members should provide availability dates, possibly in the end of April.

LIRR will be holding Meet the President events in Queens at the end of March.

Member Vacancies

Mark met with the County Executive and Helena Williams of from Nassau County and they are learning more about the council and are actively working to fill the vacancy. Mark met with legislators from the Port Washington Line. There was a name sent to the County Executive. We need a rider from that line and from Suffolk County. We also still need a rider from Brooklyn.

Old Business

Posters

Full size or electronic flashing ones on e-boards.

Brooklyn shuttle is still in discussion

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- Camera letter response
- Waiting room opening hours
- A/B track signage

Staff Report

- ~~We have applied to testify. Met with Senator Brad Hoylman about at~~ the upcoming MTA hearings in NYC, Long Island, and Hudson Valley. ~~We have applied to testify.~~ It will be similar to our testimony in Albany from January. These are the same hearings as Senator Kaminsky referred to.
- The Governor's 30 day budget amendment focuses on Congestion Pricing and MTA reorganization.
- We will be educating legislators in Albany with NYPTA for legislative transit awareness day on Feb 26. We are ~~in contact~~working with a group of transit advocates, Friends-Fix our Transit Coalition (FOT).
- There has been significant increases in our social media following.
- We have an upcoming report release on transit and funding Fast Forward.

Ideas for LIRRCC Reports

- OTP, new metrics, fare structure
- Revise Minutes Matter Report: *Minutes Still Matter*
- ESA aeffect on commutes

Adjourned

Action Items

- Ask LIRRCC member what dates work for their participation in the meet the council event (doodle)
- Update LIRRCC brochure
- Ask Hector about LIRRCC Poster format (electronic/printed)
- Brooklyn Scoot service report follow-up
- LIRRCC to give feedback on report ideas.

Youtube Video links:

[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian
Executive Director