

Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:30 PM on January 23, 2019 at the Graybar Building, Conference Room 12 E at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY.

Member Attendance

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| Randolph Glucksman (Chair) | Present |
| Orrin Getz (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Francena Amparo | Absent |
| Richard Cataggio | Absent |
| Francis T. Corcoran | Phone |
| Rhonda Herman | Phone |

Staff Attendance

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

Non-member Attendance

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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| David Hendenshot | Legislative Rep, ACRE |

Approval of Agenda for January 23, 2019 meeting.
Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2018 meeting.

Chair's Report attached

Fare Increase Hearing Update

- R. Glucksman was on the dais for the first time as a MTA Board member.
- Small turnout in Nyack but the commuters Mr. Glucksman asked to attend did so, which was most helpful.

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Sustainability Report Update

- R. Herman said the Sustainability Commission work was very interesting and the group was quite diverse and all came with open minds.
- She said outside forces almost derailed the consensus, but they came together and came to a consensus on what became the final product.
- Amy Paulin was great and worked the legislative side of the report.
- A second group will be convened to look at the structure of the MTA Board.

Board Report

- L. Daglian said she would testify on behalf of the MNRCC, the LIRRCC and NYCTRC at tomorrow's MTA Board meeting
- The main thrust would be for the Board to pick the plan that benefits the regular commuters and no service cuts.
- L. Schwartz is presenting a third fare proposal at tomorrow's meeting

Introduction of David Hendershot, Legislative Representative (Local Division 9), Association of Commuter Rail Employees (ACRE)

- Mr. Hendershot briefed the members on the mission of ACRE
- He highlighted some of the issues they are working on, including the lack of engineers at New Jersey Transit and how this has impacted West-of-Hudson service.
- 80% of engineers who left NJT went to MNR
- Amy Paulin has been very open to working with ACRE
- His job is trying to get MNR to take over the West-of -Hudson service.
- Biggest issue is the maintenance facility and related issues.
- NJT is short 60 engineers and in the past, hiring has been done in waves, leaving large gaps when people retire.
- R. Glucksman is working with elected officials about legislation to require cameras at all grade crossings. Mr. Hendershot said that ACRE would definitely support that initiative.

Old Business

New Member Updates

- L. Daglian spoke to the Governor's appointment office about the names that have gone up for approval for all three councils.
- 4 names have been sent up for MNRCC.
- Andrew Albert's and Randy Glucksman's names have been sent up for reappointment to the MTA Board.

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New Business

- **L. Schwartz proposal to be presented at tomorrow's Board meeting.**
 - There should be no service cuts but fare increase is tied to performance measures. This would take some time to implement.
 - Still recovering from 2010 service cuts.
 - Have to see what the performance proposal is.
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- **F Corcoran noted the decrease in crime statistics.**
 - **O. Getz said the service on W-o-H has gotten better but need to continue to monitor NJT.**

Adjourned

Youtube Video links:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian
Executive Director