



# *Meeting Minutes of*

## *July 19, 2018*

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:00 noon on July 19, 2018 in the 11th Floor Conference Room (11-C), Metro-North Offices - Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Ave. New York, New York 10170.

### **Member Attendance**

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

### **Staff Attendance**

William Henderson (Executive Director)	Present
Ellyn Shannon (Associate Director)	Present
Bradley Brashears (Planning Manager)	Present
Sheila Binesh (Transportation Planner)	Present
Karyl Cafiero (Research Associate)	Absent
Deborah Morrison (Administrative Assistant)	Absent
Jayendra Bhardwaj (Intern)	Absent
Riddhi Parikh (Intern)	Present

### **Non-member Attendance**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
Richard Schulman	Concerned Citizen

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## **Time Point**

### ***Video Part 1***

00:18 ***Approval of Agenda for July 19, 2018 meeting.***

00:32 ***Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2018 meeting.***

***Chair's Report attached.***

04:43 ***Board Report:***

- East of Hudson – Genesis locomotives replaced
- Bus emergency service contracts

06:24 ***Old Business***

06:28 W. Henderson: Updates on potential members – three individuals still in governor's internal process (Same as where we stood during the last meeting).

Discussion ensues regarding how long it takes to appoint members.

11:49 R. Glucksman: West of Hudson service – NJ Transit's Executive Director Kevin Corbett signed-off on restoring service – The hope is that they will do it.

13:09 O. Getz: He and Randy attended NJ Transit board meeting – budget items pulled from capital funds - \$511 million moved to cover operating funds. NJ Transit does not have a stream of dedicated funding like the MTA does.

16:42 O. Getz: No updates given on PTC installation.

17:54 O. Getz: New operating plan for escalators at the Secaucus station. The plan needs to be changed so not all escalators are going one direction – needs to go up and down.

18:39 O. Getz: NJ Transit said they can't run service due to equipment repairs for PTC installation, when actually it is because they do not have enough crews to run the service.

22:38 O. Getz: Pushing for MDBF to be reported in Executive Directors report. They have done so, but it needs to be broken up by topics, just like MNR, and needs to have goals established.

23:46 O. Getz: NJ DOT is going to fix the helix going into the Lincoln Tunnel – lane closures – what is the plan?

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- 24:57 O. Getz: Extension of the 7 train to Secaucus – it is a feasible project that has to be thought out in more detail.
- 25:48 O. Getz: Gateway project – federal government is not meeting their end of construction costs with New Jersey and New York. There has to be a way to fund this much needed project.
- 27:07 O. Getz: Portal draw bridge – replace 2 track bridge with another 2 track bridge will not increase capacity – they need 3 tracks.
- 30:30 E. Shannon: Without having enough East of Hudson members it is hard to know what the issues are. Received a call from a commuter that there is not enough parking at the North White Plains station.
- 32:05 R. Herman: N. White Plains the wait time for parking pass was 14 months, now it is over 2 years.

### **Video Part 2**

- 00:54 E. Shannon: Having a presentation on their parking plan would be helpful to the Council.  
**Action Item: Have a staff meeting with MNR to better understand the MNR parking issues (N. White Plains).**
- 01:45 R. Glucksman: Twenty Year Needs – Rolling stock, Comet 5s, Midpoint Yard coming we need to know the rolling stock etc... for the yard.
- 03:52 E. Shannon: How much of the capital money went into operating?  
R. Glucksman: \$511 million
- 04:33 R. Glucksman: Tri-State White Paper –  
E. Shannon: Major issue with NJ Transit is their anemic Board of Directors – not enough people on it and needs to be more diverse.  
We should speak to the legislature when they are in session.
- 07:22 R. Glucksman: I don't think they know what they are voting for (NJT Board). We need to find an opportunity to speak with NJ committees to address our concerns.  
**Action Item: Find out when NJ committees are meeting to express the Council's concerns. Find out what committees would be applicable to our concerns.**  
**Action Item: Reach out to Tri-State to get their understandings regarding their report and who to reach out to.**

### **12:29 New Business**

- 12:36 O. Getz: Possibility of having MNR crews operate the Port Jervis Line.

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14:05 O. Getz: Article regarding trash on trains.

14:21 R. Herman: New MTA/MNR beta app is really great.

14:47 ***Adjourned***

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Youtube Video links: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian  
Executive Director