A virtual meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 1:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021, via Zoom.

**Member Attendance**

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| Randolph Glucksman (Chair) | Present |
| Orrin Getz (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Francena Amparo | Present |
| Richard Cataggio | Present |
| Francis T. Corcoran  Walter Zullig | Present  Present |

**Staff Attendance**

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| Lisa Daglian (Executive Director) | Present |
| Bradley Brashears (Planning Manager)  Kara Gurl (Research & Com. Assoc)  Jessica Spezio (Admin. Asst.) | Present  Present  Present |
| Shaul Picker (Research Intern) | Present |
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**Non-member Attendance**

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| **Name** | **Affiliation** | |
| Jim Blair- former MNRCC Member | |  |
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| ***Approval of Agenda for October 21, 2021 meeting.***  ***Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2021 meeting.***  ***Chair’s and Board Report***  The devastation that Hurricane Ida wreaked on our region, especially the Hudson Line, required reduced weekday schedules, not the promised increases in service that went into effect on August 30. Weekend schedules were not affected.  A special reduced schedule was in effect from September 7 until September 19 when the August 30th schedules went back into effect. However, northbound Tracks 3 and 1 from CP 12 to CP 19 (Spuyten Duyvil to north of Greystone) and the Dobbs Ferry culvert located on Track 3 (CP 19 - CP 25) Hasting-on-Hudson to Tarrytown, remained out-of-service.  At the Capital Program Oversight Committee (CPOC) Meeting on Monday, October 18, it was revealed that repairs to the Dobbs Ferry culvert likely would not be completed until March 2022, and by extension, continued reduced service.  I attended a ceremony at Port Jervis on October 4, to mark the completion of station improvements. The work included making this station accessible.  On Tuesday, October 19, I participated in Mask Force at NY Penn Station handing out pink masks to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Also present at this event were LIRR President Phil Eng, LIRR VP Corporate Safety Lorretta Ebbighausen, Sr. Director External Affairs Hector Garcia, and MTA General Counsel Thomas Quigley.  **Freedom Ticket:**  L. Daglian: Last week we were at the Woodside train station to launch phase II of Freedom Ticket.  B. Brashears: We will be having a few rallies coming up and it would be great to have some of the members come and participate with us at the Bronx location. Once we know the location, we will you know.  F. Amparo: In Dutchess county, New Hamburg station area I’ve noticed the county limited bus service to the station due to low ridership. Most likely due to people driving to the station, it would be great to get the bus ridership up.  B. Brashears: We are hoping for better bus connections between suburban bus agencies and the Railroads. |
| ***Old Business:***  None  ***New Business:***  W. Zullig: I put in a testimony at one of the hearings on the congestion pricing proposal for NYC, on how it would benefit the environment and ease traffic congestion and how the MTA could use the money.  **Action items: None.** |

Meeting recording**:** [**link**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4T0cVrpbLA&pp=sAQA)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian  
Executive Director