



1 **Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes**
2 **March 8, 2021 11:00 AM**
3 **101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401**
4 **Meeting held virtually via Zoom Meetings**

6 *The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and*
7 *sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion*
8 *and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.*

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11 **Present:**

12 Commissioner Waninger
13 Commissioner Sharrow
14 Commissioner Davis
15 Commissioner Polyte
16 Commissioner Kaynor
17 Jon Moore, General Manager
18 Jamie Smith, Director of Marketing and Planning
19 Nick Foss, Director of Finance

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22 **Open Meeting**

23 Commissioner Waninger opened the meeting at 11:06AM.

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25 **Adjustment of the Agenda**

26 There were no adjustments to the agenda.

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28 **Public Comment**

29 No members of the public were present.

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31 **Approval of Committee Minutes**

32 Commissioner Kaynor made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner
33 Sharrow seconded. Commissioner Kaynor noted that his comment regarding the
34 budget was meant to say that local communities could benefit from receiving draft
35 budget numbers earlier to help guide their own budget development. All were in
36 favor and the motion carried.

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38 **General Manager Report – Updates and Opportunity for Questions**

39 GM Moore had no additional updates.

40 Commissioner Kaynor made a comment about vehicle electrification, noting that
41 GMT should strive to be on the forefront of the technology. GM Moore noted that the
42 H94 bill included some information about fleet electrification in 2022.



44 **GM COVID-19 Authority Discussion**

45 The committee discussed the March 2020 motion granting GM Moore authority to
46 make decisions, without Board approval, for COVID-19 related items. The committee
47 discussed bringing three recommendations to the full GMT Board of Commissioners.

- 48 1. Continue without revising the motion.
49 2. Revise the motion to redefine what issues GM Moore has authority to make
50 solo decisions on.
51 3. Discontinue the authority..

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53 An unofficial straw poll indicated the committee had not reached consensus. Chair
54 Waninger made the recommendation to bring this discussion to the full board noting
55 that communication between GM Moore and the full GMT Board of Commissioners
56 has been going well.

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58 **FY22 Zero Fare Policy Discussion**

59 GM Moore gave a brief update to the committee. There was a discussion regarding
60 the benefits and drawbacks to fare free service.

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62 Committee members were not in full agreement on whether GMT should continue to
63 be fare free. While some Commissioners feel this is an opportunity, other felt like a
64 hybrid approach might work better for example, identifying who would benefit from
65 fare free services and creating programs to assist those passengers.

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67 The discussion of fare free service will go to the full GMT Board of Commissioners.

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69 **Draft Board Agenda Review**

70 Commissioner Sharrow made a motion to approve the draft Board agenda,
71 Commissioner Davis seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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73 Commissioner Kaynor expressed his appreciation to GM Moore for providing an in-
74 depth report and said it pre-answered a number of questions.

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76 **Adjourn**

77 Commissioner Kaynor made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Polyte seconded.
78 All were in favor and the meeting ended at 12:05PM.