



1 **Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes**
2 **March 7, 2022 11:00 AM**
3 **101 Queen City Road, Burlington VT 05401**
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5 *The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible,*
6 *innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and*
7 *central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit-*
8 *oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.*
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11 **Present:**

12 Commissioner John Sharrow, Milton
13 Commissioner Paul Bohne, Essex
14 Commissioner Catherine Dimitruk, Franklin County
15 Commissioner Bonnie Waninger, Washington County
16 Commissioner Austin Davis, Winooski
17 Jon Moore, General Manager
18 Jamie Smith, Director of Planning and Marketing
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20 **Open Meeting**

21 Chair Waninger opened the meeting at 11:02AM.
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23 **Adjustment of the Agenda**

24 Chair Waninger asked that action items be moved up on the agenda
25 because Commissioner Dimitruk has to leave early due to a meeting conflict
26 and the committee will no longer have quorum. The Executive Session item
27 was moved up on the agenda.
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29 **Public Comment**

30 None
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32 **Approval of Committee Minutes**

33 Commissioner Sharrow made a motion to approve the February 2022
34 committee minutes, Commissioner Dimitruk seconded. All were in favor and
35 the motion carried.
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37 **Possible Executive Session: 1 VSA 313(a) (1) (b), labor relations agreements**
38 **with employees.**

39 GM Moore said this executive session is to discuss the rural collective
40 bargaining agreement.



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42 Commissioner Dimitruk made a motion that premature public knowledge
43 regarding Collective Bargaining negotiations would place GMT at a
44 substantial disadvantage, Commissioner Sharrow seconded. All were in favor
45 and the motion carried.

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47 Commissioner Sharrow made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to
48 1 VSA 313(a) (1) (b) to discuss labor relations agreements with employees
49 inviting the General Manager, Jon Moore, Commissioner Dimitruk seconded.
50 All were in favor and the motion carried.

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52 The committee entered executive session at 11:07AM.

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54 The committee exited executive session at 11:18AM.

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56 While there was no official action taken, the Committee gave an informal
57 head nod of approval on the rural collective bargaining agreement.

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

60 GM Moore gave a verbal update on:

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- 62 • GMT is scheduled to testify to the Senate Transportation Committee on
63 non-federal match to support existing services and in support of the
64 financing study.
- 65 • GMT is experiencing significantly higher fuel prices weekly.
- 66 • GMT is scheduled to testify to House Transportation Committee on zero-
67 fare transit. The draft bill includes revenue replacement for fare free
68 service.
- 69 • GMT is interviewing a potential candidate for HR Director and
70 continues to make this a high priority to staff.
- 71 • GM Moore gave an update on a lift failure issue in the Burlington
72 garage. There was no injury with the accident, but the lifts have been
73 red tagged at this time and staff is working on a replacement plan and
74 contingency plan to use portable lifts.

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75 **Approval to Seek Funds for Capstone Mobility Project Discussion**

76 GM Moore gave an update on the timeline of the Capstone project and
77 updated the committee that we may not be in a position to bring this to the
78 Board for the April board meeting.



79 Commissioner Dimitruk noted a major concern with the opportunity costs. If
80 GMT wants to spend state operating funds, is the Capstone project the place
81 where we would want to spend that funding?
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83 **Draft Board Agenda Review**

84 The Committee reviewed the upcoming board agenda and gave their
85 informal approval.
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87 **Commissioner Comments**

88 Chair Waninger thanked the negotiation team and the drivers for moving
89 forward, noting that there were some tough conversations, but those were
90 good conversations to have in the end.
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92 **Adjourn**

93 Commissioner Sharrow made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Davis
94 seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The committee meeting
95 ended at 11:50AM.