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**The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
Special Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Teleconference**

Members Present:

Representative Leon Howard*
Dr. Robert Morris, Chair*
Andy Smith*
Allison Terracio*

Guests Present:

None

Absent Board Members:

Joyce Dickerson

**Indicates participation by phone.*

The COMET Staff Present

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO
Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO
Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist
Alexis Feliciano, Transit Traffic Checker
Eric Harris,
Arlene Prince, Director of Regulatory Compliance & Civil Rights Officer
Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager
Crystal Willis, Financial Accountant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM



Dr. Morris called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

A quorum was determined at 9:15 A.M.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion:

A motion was made by Ms. Terracio and seconded by Dr. Morris to adopt the agenda.

Approved: Howard, Morris, Smith, Terracio

Absent: Dickerson

Motion passed.

3. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 20-21 Operations and Capital Budget

Ms. Terracio stated that she is in favor of fare free however, she thinks a reassessment. Dr. Morris agreed and suggested reassessing in September 2020. Representative Howard wanted to understand the impact of going fare free. Mr. Andoh explained that The COMET sees this as a community effort as our ridership is being affected economically due to the pandemic.

Mr. Andoh stated that three (3) month time frame will not allow for time to receive the barriers. It was discussed and decided that January 2020 would be a more realistic time frame.

Mr. Andoh explained that some Board members have inquired about budget explanations. Mr. Andoh summarized the inquiries and allowed the Committee time to comment.

Ms. Terracio asked about the cost of the masks and if our riders are wearing them? It was explained that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to The COMET. Mr. Andoh added that most riders are wearing masks.

The Committee discussed the salaries detailed in the budget.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Morris that the Finance Committee recommend to the full Board the adoption of the budget with the contingency of discussion of fare free and the additional customer service positions.

Approved: Howard, Morris, Smith

Absent: Dickerson

Motion passed.

4. LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL/PERSONNEL (may require executive session)

None



9. ADJOURN

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Morris to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.

Approved: Howard, Morris, Smith

Absent: Dickerson

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this _____, 2020, Agenda Item _____

Prepared by:

Paige Jernigan, Administrative & Customer Service Specialist

Approved by:

Andy Smith, Board Secretary

