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**The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Executive Committee
Monday, December 17, 2018 -11:30 A.M.
3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201 – Conference Room A**

Members Present:

Ron Anderson, Chair
Andy Smith
John V. Furgess, Sr
Dr. Robert Morris*
Derrick Huggins

Guests Present:

Joyce Dickerson/Pending Committee Member

Absent Committee Members:

None

**Indicates participation by phone.*

COMET Staff Present

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Anderson called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present at the opening of the meeting.



3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Huggins to approve the agenda as presented.

Approve: Anderson, Furgess, Morris, Smith, Huggins

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed unanimously.

4. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Discuss Previous Motions from March 2017 to Present

Mr. Andoh reviewed the various motions that have come from the Board of Directors.

No action. Information only.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt Minutes from September 12, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Huggins to approve the minutes as presented.

Approve: Anderson, Furgess, Smith, Huggins

Absent: None

Abstain: Morris

Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Executive Director/CEO Report

Mr. Andoh did a presentation on activities on going in the month of December 2018.

Ms. Dickerson suggested that Mr. Andoh write a letter in February to the Delegation, City of Columbia and Richland County about passenger amenities and in the case of Richland County, direct it to Mr. Gornau.

Mr. Andoh mentioned that he is working with Midlands Technical College to promote a college bus pass program, since all Midlands Technical College campus would have bus service. Mr. Smith suggested that Mr. Andoh also outreach to Lenoir-Rhyne University. He also mentioned that he is working on getting new bus benches inside bus shelters that preclude people from sleeping on the benches and provides a bench for those whom have disabilities and are senior.



- Creation of a Rail Ad-Hoc Committee and Designate Members to Serve

Mr. Anderson discussed the formation of a rail ad-hoc committee based on conversations with Ms. Mood and Ms. Boulware.

Mr. Andoh suggested calling the ad-hoc committee, the Intermodal Ad-hoc Committee, so that the committee can study future superstops, intermodal transit centers and coordination with other public transit modes.

Mr. Huggins thought it was a good idea and he would like the committee to also discuss streetscape project at Harden and Taylor Streets.

Mr. Anderson would like to appoint Mr. Huggins, Ms. Mood and Ms. Boulware to the Ad-hoc Committee.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Huggins and seconded by Mr. Furgess to approve the formation of the Intermodal Ad-Hoc Committee with the appointment of Mr. Huggins, Ms. Mood and Ms. Boulware to the ad-hoc committee.

Approve: Anderson, Furgess, Morris, Smith, Huggins

Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Andoh reported that there was no new business to discuss.

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Huggins to enter Executive Session.

Approve: Anderson, Furgess, Morris, Smith, Huggins

Absent: None

Abstain: Morris

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session.

7. LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL/PERSONNEL (May require executive session)

- Discuss Intergovernmental Agreement
- Discuss Contract Negotiations with a Large Employer for Transit Services

The Committee returned to regular session. Mr. Anderson announced no reportable actions.



8. ADJOURN

Motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Furgess and seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Approve: Anderson, Furgess, Morris, Smith, Huggins

Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Adopted this _____, 2019, Agenda Item _____

Prepared by:

John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO

Approved by:

Andy Smith, Secretary