

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB) PUBLIC MEETING**

Minutes of a Public Meeting held in a hybrid format on January 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. utilizing Microsoft TEAMS remotely and in-person at the Transit Facility, 545 Theresa Blvd. in Port Charlotte, FL 33954. The Regular LCB Meeting was held immediately following the Public Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON

Commissioner Ken Doherty, *Charlotte County Commissioner (LCB Chair)*
M. Suzanne Roberts, *Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic - Medical Community Representative (LCB Vice Chair)*
Lynda Faieta, *Public Education-School Transportation (alternate)*
Donna Fain, *Agency for Persons with Disabilities*
Pamela Jordan, *Representative for Elderly Interests*
Maricela Morado, *Area Agency on Aging-Florida Department of Elder Affairs*
Candice Monroy, *FDOT, District One Modal Development Office*
Maryjane Nickerson, *Goodwill, Economically Disadvantaged Representative (alternate)*
Joseph Sabatino, *Citizen Advocate*

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Leigh Ann Bellamy, *Division of Blind Services*
Jocene Henderson, *Veterans Affairs*
Carmen Henry, *Regional Workforce Development*
Tabitha Larrauri, *Department of Children & Families*

ABSENT MEMBERS

Vacant, *Disabled Interests Representative*
Vacant, *Local Private-for-Profit Transportation Industry Representative*
Lynn Dohler, *Children-at-Risk Representative - excused*
Dottie Fulton, *Citizen Advocate-User – excused (technical issues)*
Michael Stahler, *Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) - excused*

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON

Wendy Scott, *MPO Planner*
Betty-Ann Sherer, *MPO Planner*
Laks Gurram, *MPO Principal Planner*
Heidi Maddox, *Charlotte County Transit*
Eva Tomszak, *Charlotte County Fiscal*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON

Richard Weingarten, *Citizen*

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Ken Doherty called the Public Meeting to order at 10:00 am, prior to the regular quarterly LCB Meeting. Wendy Scott reviewed the LCB hybrid meeting protocol. Betty-Ann Sherer provided an onscreen view of the agenda throughout the meeting. The roll call was taken.

2. Welcome to the Public

Chair Doherty conducted the annual Public Meeting in compliance with the requirements of the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD).

Chair Doherty called for public comment. The citizen present did not wish to speak at that time.

3. Purpose of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program including the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) – CTD brochure

Wendy Scott gave a general overview of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program utilizing the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) brochure entitled *Need a Ride?* In particular, she reviewed the five (5) key elements listed in the brochure. She also noted the CTD Ombudsman Line. Ms. Scott encouraged participation in the TD Voluntary Dollar Program, available when annual vehicle registration renewals are paid either online or via mail. The poster entitled *It Takes So Little To Help So Much!* was referenced. It states that 100% of all donations go to assist people in your community. Wendy Scott noted that more detailed information on the TD program would be provided to members during Agenda Item 6 - Overview of the LCB Process (Annual Training) at the regular quarterly LCB meeting which would begin immediately following the LCB Public Meeting. All were welcome to attend.

4. Public Comment Period on TD Program or TDSP

No member of the public wished to comment.

5. Adjourn

Chair Doherty adjourned the Public Meeting at 10:14 a.m. and proceeded to the regular quarterly Charlotte County Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Meeting.