

**DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

2402 West Michigan Street \* Duluth, MN \* (218) 722-4426

**Special Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, March 23, 2018

DTC Conference Room

12:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

<b>Directors Present:</b> Wayne Nelson, President Aaron Bransky, Vice President Rondi Watson, Secretary/Treasurer Henry Banks	Ed Gleeson Mike Casey Julie Zaruba Fountaine	<b>Directors Excused:</b> Joshua Smerdon	<b>Directors Absent:</b>
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<b>DTA Staff Present:</b> Ben Herr, First Transit Management/Interim General Mgr.	Lisa Paczynski, Administrative Assistant
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<b>Others Present:</b> Chris Belden, MIC	
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**Call to Order:** President Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Action Items**

\* General Manager Applicant Selection: The purpose of today’s meeting is to select the candidate most qualified for the DTA’s General Manager position. Absenteeism ballots will not be accepted and no recount will be allowed. Board members expressed their appreciation to First Transit for finding 3 excellent candidates from which to choose from. After much discussion of all 3 candidates, it was decided that an anonymous ballot (majority rules) would serve best to reach a final decision. After a final decision has been made, First Transit could begin contract negotiations with the candidate who received the most votes. If, however, an employment agreement cannot be finalized between First Transit and the candidate receiving the most votes, First Transit may then offer the position to the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes. After the secret ballot process, President Nelson tallied the votes with the following results: Len Simich, CEO-Southwest Transit, Minnesota (4 votes); Darrell Washington, Small Urban Program Coordinator-MN Dept. of Transportation (3 votes); and Phil Pumphrey, Asst. General Manager-First Transit/Connecticut Transit (0 votes). Mr. Herr will contact Mr. Rick Dunning, First Transit Senior Vice President, and inform him that he may begin contract negotiations with Len Simich. Even though this is an open meeting, Board members believe today’s decision be kept confidential until First Transit and the candidate have come to an agreement.

**Public Comment**

\* None.

**Adjournment**

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Bransky and seconded by Director Zaruba Fountaine to adjourn the March 23, 2018 Special Board of Directors and Committee Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried – meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Paczynski*

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Wayne Nelson, President

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