PITTSBURGH REGIONAL TRANSIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friday, July 24, 2026

The Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) held its regular meeting on July 24, 2026, at PRT Administrative Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, following proper public notice.

Attendance

Board members attending in person were Jennifer Liptak, Chair; Dr. Chris Brussalis; Bobbie Fan; Laura Sohinki; Senator Lindsey Williams; Tia McClenney; and Tom Burgunder. Participating via Microsoft Teams were Rep. Aerion Abney and Joe Totten. Board Solicitor Amanda Kraft attended in person.

Board Chair Jennifer Liptak called the meeting to order and invited attendees to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

CEO Report

CEO Katharine Kelleman opened her report by recognizing several members of the PRT organization who had passed away since the previous Board meeting, including retired operators George Baolo and Joseph Miscovery, retired overhead line foreperson John Linn, and active employees Dave Wohlwill and Ronald “Cowboy” Andrews. She reflected on their dedication, service, and contributions to the organization and offered condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Ms. Kelleman then discussed the Bus Line Refresh initiative and the resolution before the Board seeking authorization to begin the formal public hearing and comment process. She emphasized that the approval of the resolution did not represent approval of a final plan but rather authorization to proceed with the required public engagement phase.

She reviewed the project’s history, noting that the effort began in October 2023 and has included extensive outreach and engagement with riders, stakeholders, and community members. Based on public feedback, she described that the project evolved from a Bus Line Redesign to a Bus Line Refresh, focusing on improving service while preserving many of the routes and connections valued by riders.

Ms. Kelleman reported that more than 20,000 public comments have been received throughout the process, noting that during the second draft phase alone, staff participated in more than 70 public meetings, community events, and stakeholder discussions. She thanked the planning, operations, and outreach teams for their efforts and highlighted that nearly half of the comments received on the second draft were positive. She described that approximately 60 targeted refinements were incorporated into the proposal, including service restorations, frequency improvements, enhanced connections, and reliability upgrades.

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She concluded by encouraging continued public participation throughout the upcoming comment period and reaffirmed PRT's commitment to maintaining a transit network that is reliable, connected, and responsive to community needs.

With that, the CEO Report was concluded.

Public Comment
Two individuals provided public comment.

Andrew Hussein commented on the latest Bus Line Refresh proposal, acknowledging improvements made by staff throughout the planning process and describing the current draft as an improvement over the original proposal. He also expressed concerns that some changes represented a step backward from the previous version and stated that insufficient public information was available to fully evaluate the latest draft. He encouraged broad participation during the forthcoming public comment period.

Stuart Strickland discussed transportation affordability, arguing that vehicle ownership expenses create a significant financial burden for households. He contended that increased investment in public transit can reduce transportation costs and urged policymakers to view transit funding as a means of supporting affordability for residents.

A third registered speaker, Laura Chu-Weins, was not present when called and did not provide testimony.

There being no further speakers, the public comment period was closed.

Performance Oversight Committee Report
The Chair called on Member Tia McClenney, Chair of the Performance Oversight Committee, for a report. Committee Chair McClenney reported that the Performance Oversight Committee met on July 16, 2026, and had two resolutions for the Board's consideration.

She reviewed that the Committee reviewed four procurement items and determined that the bids complied with PRT procurement policies and procedures and were fair and reasonable. The Committee recommended award of the four contracts for a combined amount of $1,347,427.84. On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Chair McClenney also presented a resolution authorizing agreements for state legislative strategy and advocacy services. She described that following a competitive procurement process that yielded seven proposals, PRT staff recommended entering into agreements with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC and Allegheny Strategy Partners, the two highest-rated firms, for a combined not-to-exceed value of $401,000, with initial two-year terms and options for extension. On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

That concluded the report of the Performance Oversight Committee.

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Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Report
Chair Liptak called on Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Member Bobbie Fan to submit a report in the absence of Committee Chair Stephanie Turman. Member Fan reported that the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee met on July 16, 2026 and had one resolution for the Board's consideration.

Member Fan described that the proposed resolution would authorize a formal public comment period for the Bus Line Refresh final plan, commencing on August 17, 2026, and concluding on September 30, 2026. Member Fan further noted that public hearings will be conducted and comments accepted through multiple channels, including phone, email, written correspondence, and the project website and noted that following the public input phase, comments and Title VI findings would be summarized and presented to the Board before consideration of a final implementation plan, currently anticipated to occur in November 2026.

On behalf of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee, Member Fan respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Member Fan described that the Committee also received an update on the PRTX University Line project, summarizing that construction remains active at multiple locations, with red bus lane installation expected to begin along Forbes and Fifth Avenues in August while station installation is ongoing, and plans are being developed to allow stations to be used while construction progresses.

Member Fan further reported that May ridership continued its positive trend with weekday ridership having increased 8.2 percent year over year, bus weekday ridership rising 9.2 percent, rail ridership also having improved on both weekdays and weekends. Member Fan concluded that PRT staff had concluded that February through May 2026 recorded the highest ridership totals for those months since 2020.

That concluded the report of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee.

Finance Committee Report
Chair Liptak called on Finance Committee Member Dr. Chris Brussalis to submit a report in the absence of Committee Chair Emma Shoucair. Member Dr. Brussalis reported that the Finance Committee met on July 16, 2026 and introduced three resolutions.

Dr. Brussalis described that the first resolution would authorize updates to the PRTner Pass Program, effective August 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practical and would incorporate stakeholder feedback intended to expand participation opportunities, clarify eligibility requirements, and streamline administration of the program. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Dr. Brussalis respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Dr. Brussalis described that the second resolution would authorize extension of PRT's agreement with Brink's Incorporated for armored car and cash management services through

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July 31, 2027, with no increase to the existing $3 million contract value. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Dr. Brussalis respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Dr. Brussalis summarized that the third resolution would authorize an agreement with Renodis ER LLC for Utility Consulting and Administrative Support Services in an amount not to exceed $222,000 for an initial three-year term and options for extension. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Dr. Brussalis respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Finally Dr. Brussalis summarized that the Committee also reviewed unaudited fiscal year-end financial results for June. He noted total operating income exceeded budget by approximately $500,000, while total expenses were $13.2 million below budget and for the fiscal year, operating income exceeded budget by $3.2 million and total expenses finished $53.5 million below budget. He concluded that PRT ended June with approximately $465.3 million in cash reserves.

That concluded the report of the Finance Committee Report.

Technology Committee Report
The Chair called on Member Tom Burgunder, Chair of the Technology Committee, for a report. Committee Chair Burgunder reported that the Finance Committee met on July 16, 2026, and had one resolution for the Board's consideration

He summarized that the resolution authorized a sole-source contract with Hitachi Rail for maintenance and support of the Operations Control Center software that supports PRT's light rail operations. He noted the contract has a not-to-exceed value of $277,212, with an initial three-year term and two optional one-year extensions. On behalf of the Technology Committee, Committee Chair Burgunder respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Committee Chair Burgunder also noted that the Committee received an overview of the HASTUS software platform and its role in transit planning, scheduling, operator assignment, ridership analysis, and support of initiatives such as the Bus Line Refresh.

That concluded the report of the Technology Committee Report.

Adjournment
Board Chair Liptak announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting would be held on September 24, 2026. With no further business before the Board, motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the meeting should be adjourned.

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