Pittsburgh Regional Transit
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friday, September 25, 2026

The Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) held its regular meeting on September 25, 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; Tia McClenney; Stephanie Turman; Emma Shoucair; Representative Abney; and Tom Burgunder. Participating via Microsoft Teams was Joe Totten. Board Solicitor Amanda Kraft attended in person.

Call to Order
Board Chair Jennifer Liptak called the Regular Meeting of the Pittsburgh Regional Transit Board of Directors to order. The Chair opened with 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 July 24, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

CEO Report
CEO Katharine Kelleman requested a moment of silence in memory of several retired and active employees who passed away since the previous meeting, including operators, maintenance personnel, supervisors and administrative staff. She also recognized the passing of former Deputy Chief Maintenance Officer Rick Eames.

Ms. Kelleman reminded the public that comments on the Bus Line Refresh initiative would be accepted through September 30, 2026. She encouraged riders to provide feedback through any available channel, noting that all comments would become part of the public record.

The Board and administration recognized the retirement of Charles "Chuck" Rampala following 34 years of service to public transportation in Allegheny County.

Ms. Kelleman highlighted Mr. Rampala's extensive contributions to transit operations, special event planning, service detours, customer service, regional coordination, and mentorship. She praised his institutional knowledge, dedication to riders, and lasting impact on the organization and region.

On behalf of Allegheny County Executive Sarah Innamorato, a proclamation was presented by Chair Liptak recognizing Mr. Rampala's decades of distinguished public service and leadership in transportation. The proclamation cited his contributions to regional transportation planning, special events coordination, and his receipt of the 2025 WTS Honorable Ray LaHood Award.

With no questions or comments, that concluded the CEO Report.

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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 Committee had met on September 17, 2026 and had reviewed eight procurement items, including a change order related to bus procurement. She noted that the Committee had determined that all bids complied with PRT procurement policies and procedures and that pricing was fair and reasonable.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended the Board approve the procurement resolution totaling $107,041,699.14.

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.

Committee Chair McClenney also summarized that the Committee had received a presentation regarding the favorable Fiscal Year 2026 annual physical inventory audit, which reviewed internal controls, inventory count procedures, and inventory accuracy.

That concluded the report of the Performance Oversight Committee.

Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Report
Chair Liptak called on Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee Chair Stephanie Turman, who reported that the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee had met on September 17, 2026.

Committee Chair Stephanie Turman reported on two presentations received by the Committee.

Committee Chair Turman summarized that PRT staff provided an update on service changes scheduled for October 18, 2026, as part of PRT's tri-annual service adjustment process. She noted that route information has been posted online and signage will also be posted at affected locations.

Committee Chair Turman further reported that PRT staff had provided a monthly ridership report, noting continued year-over-year ridership growth observed in July 2026.

Chair Turman summarized that weekday ridership increased 6.4%; Saturday ridership increased 4.2%; and Sunday ridership increased 8.3%. She reported bus ridership increased approximately 8% overall and rail ridership increased approximately 9% on Saturdays and 28% on Sundays while weekday rail ridership remained stable

Member Bobbie Fan asked for an update on the Bus Line Refresh public comment process, specifically feedback from communities that may lose service, how public comments could influence the final plan; and concerns regarding route naming and destination-specific route names.

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CEO Kelleman responded that PRT still had five days remaining in the public comment period and had received approximately 2,000 comments. She noted that staff did not want to fully characterize the feedback before the comment period closed. She did note that roughly half of the comments supported the proposed improvements, while the remainder contained concerns, objections, or suggested modifications.

CEO Kelleman committed to returning with a more detailed presentation related to public comments received with regard to the BLR comment period at the October committee meetings.

Regarding route naming, CEO Kelleman noted that comments received during the first round of outreach identified that route names must be understandable to riders, even if that comes at the expense of a perfectly rational naming system. She indicated that ease of understanding would be prioritized.

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

Finance Committee Report

Chair Liptak called on Finance Committee Chair Emma Shoucair to submit a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. Committee Chair, Emma Shoucair reported that the Committee had met on September 17, 2026 and then presented two resolutions for Board action.

The first resolution was seeking authorization to adopt an amended and restated Pension Plan Document for the Pension Plan for Non-Represented Employees. Chair Shoucair noted that the proposed Plan update consolidates prior amendments, incorporates federal SECURE Act requirements, and aligns plan administration with current practices.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chair Shoucair respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the Board approve an amended and restated pension plan document for non-represented employees.

The second resolution was to extend and amend an agreement with Marquette Associates, Inc., to provide Chief Investment Officer services. The Chair noted that, to date, the services performed by Marquette Associates, Inc., have been satisfactory and in compliance with the Agreement.

Chair Shoucair summarized that the Committee was seeking Board approval of the first of two optional one-year extensions to PRT's agreement with Marquette Associates, Inc. for Chief Investment Officer services which support PRT retirement plans. The requested extension would continue services through December 1, 2027, with no increase to the approved contract amount.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chair Shoucair respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed to extend the agreement with Marquette Associates through December 1, 2027.

Chair Shoucair summarized that during the Committee Meeting PRT staff had presented the July and August 2026 financial statements. During July, operating income exceeded budget by

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approximately $500,000, and expenses were approximately $8 million below budget. For August, operating income exceeded budget by approximately $100,000, and expenses were approximately $3.7 million below budget.

As of August 2026, PRT maintained approximately $456.4 million in cash reserves.

That concluded the report of the Finance Committee.

Technology Committee Report
Chair Liptak called on Technology Committee Chair Tom Burgunder to submit a report on behalf of the Technology Committee. Committee Chair, Tom Burgunder reported that the Committee had met on September 17, 2026 and then presented two resolutions.

Chair Burgunder reported that the Committee had reviewed technology-related procurement bids totaling $1,843,367.82.

Specifically regarding that resolution, the Chair clarified a previously misstated modem procurement bid during Committee discussions and confirmed the written Committee materials and resolution contained the correct figures.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Chair Burgunder respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed to approve the bids presented.

The next resolution was seeking authorization to enter into an agreement to provide Learning Management System Services.

The Chair described that the Committee was seeking authorization to enter into an agreement with Noverant, Inc., for Learning Management System services in an amount not to exceed $157,400 for an initial three-year term, with two optional one-year extensions.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Chair Burgunder respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed to enter into an agreement with Novarantt, Inc. for these services.

Then, Member Fan raised concerns raised by riders regarding the new ReadyFare system, noting reports that passengers with the new ReadyFare card were boarding buses and encountering problems, including uncertainty about where to tap the card or whether equipment was functioning properly.

Jeffrey Devlin, Chief Agency Innovations Officer, responded that PRT has addressed confusion about where to tap by placing instructional stickers on fare devices throughout the fleet. Mr. Devlin added that PRT recently completed a comprehensive PCI compliance audit, testing both the Ready-to-Ride app and ReadyFare cards on every bus and rail vehicle.

He noted that the agency is confident that the fare equipment is functioning properly, with readiness estimated at 99% or higher, while a small number of outlier devices are still being replaced. He reported that the fare equipment has been installed on all vehicles since

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approximately 2020 for the Ready-to-Ride app and the new ReadyFare card utilizes that same equipment.

He also offered to provide the Technology Committee with a more detailed update at its next meeting.

That concluded the report of the Technology Committee.

Public Comment
The public comment period consisted of two speakers, Stuart Strickland and Laura Chu-Wiens.

First, Mr. Strickland congratulated Chuck Rompala on his retirement and recognized his longstanding service to the transit community. He then discussed long-term ridership trends, noting historic declines in transit usage while the number of personal vehicles has increased. He encouraged PRT to examine factors affecting ridership, identify barriers to transit use, and pursue strategies to attract additional riders, including fare promotions and marketing efforts.

Then Ms. Chu-Wiens commented on the Bus Line Refresh proposal, urging Board members to carefully review public input and preserve transit service in communities facing proposed reductions. She referenced research identifying neighborhoods with significant service impacts and requested consideration of modifications that would maintain access without fundamentally redesigning the plan. She also advocated a future transit service expansion strategy tied to state funding discussions. Additionally, she promoted participation in the upcoming Week Without Driving event and expressed concerns regarding the proposed Downtown Transit Revitalization Investment District (TRID).

That concluded the public comment period.

Adjournment
Board Chair Liptak announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting would be held on Friday, October 23, 2026. With no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously agreed that the meeting would be adjourned.

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