

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL TRANSIT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) was held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at PRT's Administrative Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

The following Board members were in attendance in person: Jennifer Liptak, Chair, Dr. Chris Brussalis, Bobbie Fan, Laura Sohinki and Tom Burgunder. The following members participated via TEAMS: Emma Shoucair, Joe Totten, Senator Lindsey Williams, Rep. Aerion Abney and Tia McClenney. Board Solicitor Amanda Kraft attended in person.

The Chair called the April 2026 Regular Meeting to order.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2026 Regular Meeting and the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chair called on PRT CEO Katharine Kelleman for a report.

CEO Kelleman requested a moment of silence for the retired and one active employee who passed away since we last met. They were Operators Melvin Carr, Edward Charlie, Russell Craig, William Halliday, Frederick Herleman, Robert Sedlock, and James Stitt; Automotive Mechanic Joseph Pecora; Seat and Sign Repairman Thomas Deitt; Garage Foreman Charles Wietrzykowski; and, as Katharine mentioned last month, Shop Supervisor Kevin Haunn.

Ms. Kelleman reported that about the same time the prior week, PRT and the City were preparing to take on one of the biggest moments the region has seen in years — the 2026 NFL Draft. The eyes of the country were on Pittsburgh, expectations were high, and the margin for error was slim.

To PRT, it meant long days and even longer nights; it meant uncertainty, shifting plans, and constant, real-time problem-solving. She stated, "It was pressure, the kind that tests systems, and more importantly, tests people."

CEO Kelleman proudly announced that in the face of all of that, the team at Pittsburgh Regional Transit didn't just meet the moment, but rose above it. Across the entire agency, PRT employees delivered exceptional service, keeping buses and trains moving safely and on time, staffing routes and facilities, patrolling stations, busways, and stops, answering questions, guiding visitors, and helping tens of thousands of people move through the city with confidence and ease.

Ms. Kelleman continued stating that PRT employees made something incredibly complex feel seamless, and not by accident, but rather because of commitment, professionalism, and pride.

Ms. Kelleman classified it as a true agency-wide effort, stating "Whether you were on the front lines or behind the scenes, every role mattered. Every contribution counted."

She further recognized and thanked PRT's union partners stating that their collaboration, flexibility, and shared commitment were critical to making this work as success is built on strong partnerships.

The feedback received from riders and visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, with Ms. Kelleman stating, "People didn't just get where they needed to go, they felt taken care of. They experienced reliability. They saw the effort, and they felt the pride that our employees bring to this work every single day."

CEO Kelleman concluded her remarks on this subject by stating, "I could not be more proud of this team."

Next, Ms. Kelleman recognized 16 operators for their safe driving achievements. The recipients of the Safe Driving Award were:

Collier Division

Franck Delfosse, 25 years
Daniel Hart, 20 years
Charles Horner, 20 years
Anthony Lavorge, 20 years
Albert Sarsfield, 20 years
Donald Scherbick, 20 years

East Liberty Division

Kevin Johnson, 25 years
Joseph Winter, 25 years
Reginal Jones, 20 years

Ross Division

Frank Migliozi, 20 years
William Vallecorsa, 20 years

West Mifflin Division

Keith Elias, 20 years
Paul Klimko, 20 years

South Hills Village

John Lorenzato, 25 years
Christopher Kennedy, 20 years
Peter Lang, 20 years

Ms. Kelleman concluded her remarks by saying, "On behalf of everyone at Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and the thousands of riders who depend on you every day, thank you for your professionalism, your dedication, and for proving that even in Pittsburgh traffic, it is possible to do things the right way."

The Chair called on Member Tia McClenney, Chair of the Performance Oversight Committee, for a report.

Chair McClenney reported that the Performance Oversight Committee met on April 16, 2026, and had four resolutions for the Board's consideration.

She reported the Committee reviewed seven procurement items and determined the bids to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures and the prices to be fair and reasonable.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended authorizing the award of the bids listed in the resolution in the total amount of \$3,637,109.00.

On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Chair McClenney mentioned that directly after presentation of the bids, staff provided a quarterly update to the Committee on upcoming solicitations.

The next resolution presented was seeking authorization to extend and amend agreements to provide executive search, outplacement and coaching services.

Chair McClenney reported that in May 2023, PRT's Board authorized the award of agreements to Krauthamer & Associates, Inc. and Gomez Partners, Inc., to provide executive search services and Calfe & Associates to provide outplacement and coaching services.

The total not-to-exceed value of the agreements is currently \$430,000.00, to be allocated by PRT on an as-needed basis through task-specific work orders. The original term of the agreements was for three years with the option of extending the term of agreements up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended extending the agreements for the designated services for one additional year to June 26, 2027, with no increase to the total not-to-exceed amount.

On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

The next resolution presented was seeking authorization for PRT to enter into an agreement for benefits consulting services.

Ms. McClenney reported that in order to obtain a qualified firm to perform the services, an RFP detailing the required services was prepared and publicly advertised, and five proposals were received. Following completion of the evaluation process, including interviews of all proposers, Willis Towers Watson US LLC has been determined to be the highest rated proposer.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended entering into an Agreement with Willis Towers Watson US LLC to provide benefit consulting services for an amount not-to-exceed \$996,600.00, to be allocated on an as-needed basis through task specific work orders, for an initial three-year period with the option to extend the term up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

The final resolution presented by the Performance Oversight Committee was seeking authorization for PRT to extend and amend agreements to provide inspection and engineering contract services.

It was reported that in April 2022, the Board authorized PRT to enter into agreements with GAI Consultants, Inc., TRC Engineers, Inc., and Michael Baker International, Inc., to provide these services.

The agreements were authorized for an initial term of four years through May 31, 2026 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$22,000,000, and included the option to extend the agreements up to one additional year at PRT's sole discretion.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended exercising the option year to extend the term of the agreements through May 31, 2027, to be allocated on an as-needed basis through task specific work orders.

It was noted that the resolution does not include an increase to the previously approved not-to-exceed amount.

On behalf of the Performance Oversight Committee, Chair McClenney respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

That concluded the report of the Performance Oversight Committee.

Chair Liptak called on Member Bobbie Fan, a member of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee, to submit a report.

Member Fan reported that the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee met on April 16, 2026, and had a few items, including a resolution, for the Board's consideration.

Member Fan noted that at the Committee meeting, staff provided an overview of the proposed transit-oriented development of a combined site owned by PRT and Dormont Borough next to PRT's Dormont Junction Station Then representatives from Pennrose, LLC, which was identified as having submitted a viable development project, then provided an overview of their plans for developing the site.

After the presentation, staff presented a resolution for the Board's consideration that would authorize PRT to enter into an exclusive negotiation agreement with Dormont Borough and Pennrose, LLC, to attempt to advance the project and initiate community engagement.

Member Fan described that the site would be jointly developed by PRT and the Borough of Dormont under a long-term lease agreement and will occur after the station is renovated by an already planned PRT capital project. The project plans for the property include a mix of residential and commercial units, as well as open air and underground parking.

It was further noted that any further joint development and/or ground lease agreements to advance this project will also be subject to approval by Dormont Borough Council.

On behalf of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee, Member Fan respectfully requested approval of the resolution to enter into an exclusive negotiation agreement with Dormont Borough and Pennrose, LLC. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Member Fan noted that during the Committee meeting staff also presented the monthly ridership update and described that it was reported that year over year, each bus garage saw increases in both weekday and weekend ridership; year over year light-rail ridership saw increases due to the significant construction on the light-rail last year.

Member Fan further described that bus on-time performance during March was reported to have remained steady compared to the previous month and rail on-time performance improved over the previous month due in part to the opening of the Mt. Washington Tunnel.

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

The Chair called on Member Emma Shoucair, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a report.

Chair Shoucair reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 16, 2026 and had two resolutions for the Board's consideration.

The first resolution was to authorize PRT to enter into an agreement to provide Financial Audit and Pension Plan Audit Services. PRT proposed a three-year agreement with Maher Duessel and a not-to-exceed amount of \$338,500, with the option to extend the term up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of PRT.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chair Shoucair respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

The second resolution was to authorize PRT to adopt a second amendment to the FY 2026 operating budget.

Chair Shoucair reported that PRT was notified of a \$10.9 million increase in state operating assistance from PENNDOT, resulting in a required increase in the local match from Allegheny County in the amount of \$1.6 million. The total Operating budget will remain unchanged at

\$572.2 million, however, the expected utilization of one-time capital funds in FY 2026 is reduced by about \$12.5 million due to the increase in funding. The Capital budget remains unchanged.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chair Shoucair respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Chair Shoucair also noted that staff presented the FY 2027 Preliminary Operating and Capital budgets. It was reported that the Operating Budget totals \$588,010,257, which is a 2.7 percent increase compared to the FY 2026 Operating Budget. There is an assumption of an increase in state operating assistance of two percent. This version of the budget is balanced using \$44.7 million one-time capital funds and \$8.2 million in operating reserves. The proposed budget does not include service changes or fare increases.

It was further reported that the FY 2027 Preliminary Capital Budget totals \$211,081,415, which is an increase of 264 percent from the FY 2026 Capital Budget due to a waiver of Capital funding to the operating budget, an increase in Commonwealth capital funding and PRT's anticipated plan to expend additional Federal funding during FY 2027.

Next, Chair Shoucair presented the following review of the March financial results.

It was reported that Total Operating Income for the month of March was under budget by \$200,000 due to lower Passenger revenue. Total Expenses for the month of March were below budget by \$2.1 million due to lower Wages and Benefits and Purchased Services.

Total Operating Income is \$451,000 higher than last fiscal year through March due to higher Interest Income and ACCESS revenue. Total Expenses through March are \$19.3 million higher than last fiscal year due to higher Employee Benefits, Wages, and Utilities.

Total Subsidy is \$64.7 million higher than last fiscal year due to higher state operating assistance due to the capital waiver.

Finally, Chair Shoucair reported that PRT ended the month of March with approximately \$350 million in cash reserves.

That concluded the report of the Finance Committee.

The Chair called on Member Tom Burgunder, Chair of the Technology Committee, to submit a report.

Chair Burgunder reported that the Technology Committee met on Thursday, April 16, 2026, and had one resolution for your consideration.

Mr. Burgunder noted that the Committee first reviewed two procurement items and determined the bids to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures and the prices to be fair and reasonable.

The Technology Committee recommended authorizing the award of the bids listed in the resolution in the total amount of \$1,051,720.96.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Chair Burgunder respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Chair Burgunder noted that at the meeting, the Committee received an update from staff regarding the AIRA Low-Vision Application and the various tools that it provides for PRT riders with visual impairments. Staff reported that PRT and Aira now have a formal agreement in place that offers both the Aira low-vision application, along with interpretation-based services, free of charge to PRT riders, which means enhanced trip planning and better overall transit experience for PRT riders who may require such services.

Then, Member Fan requested a brief update on the Readyfare card transition.

Jeffrey Devlin, PRT's Chief Innovation Officer, reported that the new fare vending machines are onsite and PRT is finishing up the testing and programming on those machines. Mr. Devlin reported that equipment will start to get deployed in late May and that process will continue for about six weeks as PRT builds new fare vending machines across the agency. Starting next week, PRT will have a site visit for the new fare boxes that will be installed on the buses but that work will not be visible to riders until November or December this year.

Mr. Devlin continued by saying that PRT does have some people who actually have ReadyFare cards already in hand and are starting to use them, which is generating a lot of interest with PRT riders and that staff will continue to keep the Board members informed about the project.

That concluded the report of the Technology Committee.

Chair Liptak then transitioned to public comment. There were three speakers who addressed the Board at the April 2026 meeting.

The first speaker was President of Allegheny County Transit Council, Andrew Hussein.

Mr. Hussein stated that the main topic this morning is going to be a little bit about the draft. He stated "We survived. And as Katharine said, we certainly proved what we can do." He noted that in his previous testimony before the Board, he had voiced disappointment that the local people who live here had to endure three days of Saturday service, or worse, in some cases, delays or out of service transportation. However, he did note that the Draft service itself was definitely amazing considering the tradeoff that the locals made to make that service happen.

He specifically remarked that the East Busway had not seen this much service for a long time, stating that he was out there bright and early and it looked like rush hour from 20 years ago.

Mr. Hussein concluded his report by saying congratulations and he hopes PRT stresses how well PRT did during the Draft when speaking to the folks in Harrisburg.

The next speaker was Adrianna Branin, Senior Aide to the Allegheny County Treasurer, Erica Rocchi Brusselars. Firstly, Ms. Branin congratulated PRT for their part in organizing a very successful draft weekend, stating that it really showed the importance of reliable public transit in the Pittsburgh region, and that it is part of the reason she was very grateful to speak today.

She noted that she was there to raise awareness about the Treasurer's Office resuming the monthly publication of the Alcoholic Beverage Tax Delinquent List to ensure compliance with county tax laws and preserve critical funding for public transit and public transit infrastructure in our region. She described that since taking office, Treasurer Brusselars has prioritized strengthening compliance and modernizing collection processes and through consistent outreach and diligent legal enforcement, the office has achieved a 96 percent on-time collection rate for the alcoholic beverage tax. She outlined that the alcoholic beverage tax delinquent list is meant to hold non-compliant businesses accountable and safeguard funding that many Allegheny County residents rely on for their public transit because these establishments already collect a seven percent tax on the point of sale and are required to remit that revenue to the County monthly.

Ms. Branin described that establishments that are three or more months delinquent or have an unpaid delinquent balance exceeding \$5,000 are included on the alcoholic beverage tax delinquent list, which can be found at the Allegheny County Treasurer website. She described that the Treasurer's hope is that these efforts will increase transparency and strengthen compliance since this tax directly benefits the businesses and residents of Allegheny County.

The final speaker was Stuart Strickland who noted that he was at the meeting today to give the Board a quick update on the state of your Citizens Advisory Board and to offer some constructive comments on PRT's handling of the NFL draft and a couple of other small items. First, as Secretary of ACTC, Mr. Strickland confirmed that ACTC has 19 members, up from 10 last July and the plan is to get to 30 strong by Christmas.

Regarding the NFL draft, Mr. Strickland noted that he personally thought PRT handled it well describing that he traveled downtown that Friday morning on regular service and that he had no trouble at all. He suggested that staff study the online commentary to take note of what the general public thought about what PRT did well or not well and to use this feedback to revise and improve the overall plan in case anything like this ever happens again. He further noted that ACTC would be happy to assist with this effort.

That concluded public comment.

The Chair noted that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 29, 2026.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.