

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL TRANSIT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) was held on Friday, March 27, 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, Stephanie Turman, Joseph Totten, Senator Lindsey Williams and Tom Burgunder. The following members participated via TEAMS: Tia McClenney, Laura Sohinki, Emma Shoucair and Rep. Aerion Abney. Board Solicitor Amanda Kraft attended in person.

The Chair called the March 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 January 30, 2026 Annual Meeting and the February 27, 2026 Regular Meeting and both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

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

CEO Kelleman requested a moment of silence for the following retirees who passed away since the Board last met: operators Kevin Powers, Richard Clark, Francis Lesko, David Daley, and Michael Shields; auto mechanic Robert Hoffman; trainman James Schofield; chief claim adjustor Dorothy Hurley; service person Alan Weitz; and seat and sign repairperson Soldon Winton.

Next, Ms. Kelleman reported that the city is now within 30 days of the 2026 NFL Draft, and after extensive coordination with VisitPITTSBURGH, the Steelers, SPC, Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, and many others, PRT announced its transportation plan yesterday. PRT's approach is straightforward: increased capacity to move large numbers of people to and from the Draft footprint, while continuing to deliver service for the riders who depend on PRT every day.

It was reported that PRT has also taken into account that many major employers are encouraging remote work during Draft week, and institutions like Pittsburgh Public Schools and CCAC have already announced adjusted schedules.

It was also reported that a key part of PRT's plan is the introduction of four "Football Flyer" routes, operating from McCandless, South Hills Village, Monroeville Mall, and the University Boulevard Park and Ride. These routes will connect more than two dozen park-and-ride locations and thousands of parking spaces directly to downtown and the North Shore. Ms. Kelleman noted that despite the name, these routes are for everyone - not just football fans. In fact, with Saturday-level service across much of the system, they may be a convenient option even for regular commuters.

At the same time, PRT's busiest routes will continue to operate at weekday service levels, and PRT will add service on the 28X to meet anticipated demand.

It was reported that on the rail side, the Silver Line will terminate at Washington Junction, with riders transferring to the Blue Line. The Blue and Red Lines will operate every 15 minutes, creating combined headways of approximately seven minutes between downtown and the North Shore.

Ms. Kelleman stressed that communication will be critical to the success of this plan. Riders will see information integrated into the NFL Draft app, on PRT's website and partner platforms, and through in-vehicle messaging with QR codes linking to detailed service information. PRT will also have enhanced signage throughout the system and at key stations.

In addition, PRT will be sharing updates through social media, customer alerts via TrueTime and third-party apps, direct emails to ConnectCard users, station announcements, and outreach to local hotels so visitors have transit information readily available. PRT is also exploring geofencing technology to deliver real-time, location-based updates.

Finally, PRT is developing a staffing plan to place employees at key locations across the system to assist riders, answer questions, and help people navigate.

Ms. Kelleman concluded her remarks by saying that PRT knows this will be a high-demand period for transit across the region, with many riders who may be unfamiliar with PRT's system. PRT expects it to be busy. So PRT's message is simple: plan ahead, allow extra travel time, and consider transit as the best way to get to and from the Draft.

That concluded the remarks of CEO Katharine Kelleman.

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 March 19, 2026 where four resolutions were reviewed.

The Committee first reviewed one procurement item and determined the bid to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures and the price to be fair and reasonable.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended authorizing the award of the bid listed in the resolution in the amount of \$376,830.00.

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.

The next resolution reviewed was for the intention of adopting and implementing the 2026 Updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

The Chair summarized that as a recipient of federal and state transit funding, PRT is required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and rules. Pursuant to FTA Safety Plan rule, PRT is further required to review its Plan on an annual basis to determine if further changes and/or updates should be made.

During 2025, PRT's System Safety personnel worked with PRT senior management, ATU Local 85 management and PRT's outside consultant to make various proposed changes and updates to the plan.

Chair McClenney noted that the changes have preliminarily approved by PENNDOT's State Safety Oversight Agency.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended the Board approve the 2026 Updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

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.

Next, Chair McClenney reported that PRT requires a pool of firms to provide external investigative services for PRT on an as-needed basis. These services include aiding in investigations and verification of work-related and non-occupational injuries and illnesses, liability claims and other claims and litigation-related matters.

The request for proposals was publicly advertised, and five proposals were received and it was determined that all five firms submitting a proposal were qualified to perform the services.

The Performance Oversight Committee recommended entering into agreements with each of the firms listed in the resolution for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 for a three-year term with the option to extend up to two additional one-year periods at PRT's sole discretion.

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 Chair McClenney was seeking authorization to award a construction contract for the Panhandle Bridge Rehabilitation project.

It was reported that to perform the work on the project, bid documents were prepared and publicly advertised and three bids were received. It was determined that the bid submitted by Mosites Construction Company was the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder meeting the requirements for the contract.

The Performance Oversight Company recommended that the contract be awarded to Mosites Construction Company in the amount of \$57,977,777.00, subject to completing all pre-award requirements and further authorized the entry into other related agreements, including with the

Norfolk Southern Railway Company and CSX Transportation, as may be necessary for the completion of this Project.

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 Stephanie Turman, Chair of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee, for a report.

Chair Turman reported that the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee met March 19, 2026 and had approved a resolution for the Board's consideration.

During the Committee meeting, staff presented a resolution for PRT to enter into a contribution and cooperation agreement for NFL Draft service. This resolution would authorize PRT to enter into an agreement with VisitPittsburgh and its Foundation for funding service during the NFL Draft in April. As presented by CEO Kelleman, PRT will play a critical role in providing access to fans, attendees, and workers and will include providing additional fixed-route bus and rail service.

VisitPittsburgh, through its Foundation, has identified funding in the amount of \$350,000 to help offset PRT's additional costs.

On behalf of the Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee, Chair Turman respectfully requested approval of the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and it was agreed that the resolution be approved as presented. This resolution passed with nine affirmative votes with one abstention. Due to a potential conflict of interest, Member Turman abstained from voting.

Chair Turman also noted that the Committee received an update on the Bus Line Refresh. It was explained at the meeting that the Refresh consists of making fewer changes but focuses on making buses more frequent, more reliable, and better aligned with where people are going today.

To keep riders and communities informed, there are more than 60 engagement events planned from now through May 2026. These engagements will be followed by public hearings this summer.

Chair Turman noted that staff plan to bring the final version to the Board later this year.

Finally, Chair Turman noted that staff provided a brief update on January 2026 ridership to the Committee. And it was reported that in January, Bus ridership saw an improvement year-over-year during weekday and Saturday service, with a slight decrease on Sundays.

During the week, the Rail saw almost a 40 percent increase year-over-year during January. Saturday and Sunday service saw increases over the prior month, but Saturday service decreased year-over-year.

Chair Turman noted that the severe snowstorm in January impacted ridership and on-time performance, but both have been trending in a positive direction since.

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 March 19, 2026 and reviewed a resolution seeking authorization to extend and amend an agreement to provide pension plan actuarial services.

It was reported that in March 2021, PRT's Board entered into an agreement with Acrisure Mid-Atlantic Partners Insurance Services LLC, formally known as Cowden Associates, Inc., to provide these services for an initial four-year term for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,082,350 to be allocated through task specific work orders. Chair Shoucair noted that the agreement also contained two additional one-year options to be exercised by PRT in its sole discretion.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that the services performed by Acrisure were satisfactory and in compliance with the agreement.

The Finance Committee recommended exercising the first option year through March 2027, and to increase the total authorized not-to-exceed amount by \$318,700.

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 then presented a summary of the update the Committee received on PRT's Pass Programs. It was reported that at the halfway point through FY 2026, PRT is on the way to accomplishing its stated goal of increasing the number of participating entities in both the PRTner Pass and JobPerks Programs.

For the PRTner Pass, the stated goal is to increase from zero to 10 entities, with at least one anchor entity, defined as including over 250 riders. There are currently four entities enrolled. Two additional pending contracts will have over 500 riders each.

For JobPerks, the stated goal is to increase the program participants from 74 to 82 entities, with 76 currently enrolled.

Enrollment increases have been accomplished in part through postcards, ads in newsletters and e-blasts, info posted on PRT social media, and radio spot ads.

It was also noted that PRT's current U-Pass contracts are expiring around the start of FY 2027, so the proposed contract amendments and extensions are anticipated to be presented to the Board for approval within the next two months.

Next, during the review of the financial statements, it was reported that Total Operating Income for February was over budget by approximately \$756,000 due to higher Interest Income. Total Expenses for February were below budget by \$3.2 million due to vacant positions, Employee Benefits and lower Purchased Services.

Total Subsidy through February was \$6.1 million below last fiscal year due to lower Federal Stimulus funding, State Operating Assistance and Preventative Maintenance.

Finally, it was reported that PRT ended February with \$386 million in Operating Reserves.

That concluded the report of the Finance Committee.

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

Chair Burgunder reported that the Technology Committee met March 19, 2026.

Chair Burgunder first reviewed a bid the Committee had considered for a license renewal to provide maintenance and support services for the Nutanix hardware and software to support PRT's virtual desktop environment over a three-year period.

The Committee determined the bid to be in accordance with PRT's procurement policies and procedures and the price to be fair and reasonable.

The Technology Committee recommended authorizing the award of the bid to Saitech, Inc., for the estimated amount of \$504,000.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Chair Tom Burgunder respectfully requested approval of the resolution. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

Chair Burgunder also reported that staff updated the Committee on the new budgeting software used by PRT's Finance Division personnel. It was explained at the meeting that this is the first cycle using the new software and additional features will be added. Capabilities of the software includes planning, forecasting, management and reporting, and will benefit PRT by improving efficiency and assisting in transparency.

That concluded the report of the Technology Committee.

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

Andrew Hussein, President of Allegheny County Transit Council, was the first speaker. Mr. Hussein's remarks consisted of his disappointment with reliability issues, especially considering the upcoming draft. He identified that PRT's own data team verified this for him.

He identified that his biggest issue was on Sunday March 22 when riders in his part of town or adjoining neighborhoods could not get home after 7:00 p.m because of multiple trips out of service.

Mr. Hussein's next issue was with the NFL Draft. He urged PRT to not "mess" around with the regular service during the draft. He noted that he understood there must be compromises to run shuttles to and from downtown and North Shore, but regular riders are going to be negatively impacted when factoring in both running a Saturday schedule and the fact that there will more than likely still be traffic no matter what PRT tries to do to get people to ride the bus.

The next speaker, Stuart Strickland, also a member and past president of Allegheny County Transit Council. Mr. Strickland stated that ACTC represents riders. Established in 1984, the intent was to provide direct contact between riders, staff and the Board in a deliberative manner. Though its membership numbers have dwindled since COVID, he noted that ACTC is steadily rebuilding and back from only 10 active members to now almost 20. With a new staff liaison in place and the ACTC Executive Committee, ACTC plans to reestablish the strong voice they had several years ago with both standing and division committees.

Mr. Strickland's primary suggestion to the Board is to look ahead. He noted that it was likely that there will be new leadership in Harrisburg as well as in Washington after the November elections. He observed that after the 2008 elections swept in new leadership, the 2009 stimulus package, known as the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, provided funding for shovel ready projects. He stated that his ask is simple, "Anticipating that a large amount of money will fall out of the sky, what projects can PRT make shovel ready? How can we expand or at least restore some of the service cuts and the major reductions in 2011, 2007 and 2002?" He noted that ACTC will be happy to help PRT develop and define the projects and the priorities from the rider's perspective and thanked the Board for the opportunity to consider ACTC's proposal.

That concluded public comment.

Under New Business, Chair Liptak presented a resolution regarding the NFL Draft.

Chair Liptak noted that the NFL Draft is scheduled to begin in Pittsburgh on Thursday, April 23 and end on Saturday, April 25. She described that in an effort to promote its business during the draft, Sheetz, Inc., purchased certain advertising space from PRT consistent with PRT's Board-adopted Advertising Policy, and in an effort to further promote its business and support of the city during the draft, Sheetz also desires to provide free transit rides to the general public on PRT's Light Rail System and Mon Incline beginning with the start of PRT's transit services on Thursday, April 23, 2026 and ending at 11:59 PM EST on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

The Chair continued reporting that PRT has entered into negotiations with Sheetz to provide this special promotion in exchange for Sheetz agreeing to pay PRT a minimum lump sum payment of \$154,000 and a maximum lump sum payment of \$200,000, with the final amount that Sheetz will pay PRT subject to PRT's actual ridership and the standard \$2.75 base fare per ride on PRT's Light Rail System and Mon Incline during the April 23 through April 25 timeframe.

The Resolution before the Board requested authorization for PRT personnel to finalize and execute the Special Program Agreement with Sheetz on behalf of PRT, in a form approved by PRT legal counsel.

Chair Liptak stressed that due to the limited timeframe leading up to the commencement of the 2026 Draft, and the expeditious response that would be required of PRT staff to take advantage of similar opportunities with potential sponsors, this resolution will also authorize designated PRT management to enter into additional agreements with third parties to sponsor or otherwise provide funding to PRT to support special promotions or otherwise offset the costs of transit services during the 2026 NFL Draft in agreement form approved by PRT legal counsel.

The Chair asked PRT's Chief Legal Officer, Michael Cetra to offer comment pertaining to this resolution.

Mr. Cetra added that in addition to the special promotion that Members were presented with the details on, the agreement also included a provision regarding cooperation and collaboration between PRT and Sheetz to jointly promote the free rides on PRT's rail system upon approval of the special promotion agreement by the Board, which will help ensure the promotion is effectively marketed to the public so that both residents and visitors to the region during the Draft know the free rail rides promotion is in place.

Chair Liptak asked if there were any questions, hearing none, a motion and a second were made and the Board unanimously agreed that the resolution be approved as presented.

The Chair thanked Mr. Cetra for bringing this opportunity to the Board. She also thanked CEO Kelleman and the rest of the PRT team for their efforts in preparation leading up to the Draft. She noted that this effort was a lot of work, and the Board appreciates it.

The Chair announced that due to the NFL Draft coming to Pittsburgh, the next Regular meeting of the Board will be held a week later than regularly schedule, and has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.