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New 19-member DART Commission held first meeting Oct. 3 ***Outgoing commissioners recognized***

The 19 member governments of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) officially sat their new representatives on the DART Board of Commissioners at their first meeting at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017. Outgoing commissioners were recognized prior to the meeting.

DART's new governance structure includes one representative and one alternate from each DART member government. These representatives and alternates are as follows:

Alleman:

Commissioner: John Hathaway, Council Member
Alternate: Bobby Jones

Altoona:

Commissioner: Vernon Wiley II, Council Member
Alternate: Scott Henry

Ankeny:

Commissioner: Gary Lorenz, Mayor
Alternate: Bobbi Bentz, Council Member

Bondurant:

Commissioner: Doug Elrod, Council Member
Alternate: Marketa Oliver, City Manager

Carlisle:

Commissioner: Ruth Randleman, Mayor
Alternate: Andy Lent, City Administrator

Clive:

Commissioner: Michael McCoy, Council Member
Alternate: John Edwards, Council Member

Des Moines:

Commissioner: Frank Cownie, Mayor
Alternate: TBD

Elkhart:

Commissioner: Michael Just, Council Member
Alternate: Kyle Michel, City Clerk

Granger:

Commissioner: Mike Backous, Council Member
Alternate: Kristy Trzeciak, City Clerk

Grimes:

Commissioner: Jeremy Hamp, Council Member
Alternate: Kelley Brown, City Administrator

Johnston:

Commissioner: Paula Dierenfeld, Mayor
Alternate: Tom Cope, Council Member

Mitchellville:

Commissioner: Jon Woods, Mayor
Alternate: Joe Crook, Council Member

Pleasant Hill:

Commissioner: Sara Kurovski, Mayor
Alternate: J. Benjamin Champ, City Manager

Polk City:

Commissioner: Jason Morse, Mayor
Alternate: Jeff Walters

Polk County:

Commissioner: Angela Connolly, County
Supervisor
Alternate: Steve Van Oort, County Supervisor

Runnells:

Commissioner: Gerald Lane, Mayor
Alternate: Stephanie Herbold, City Clerk

Urbandale:

Commissioner: Tom Gayman, Council Member
Alternate: Robert Andeweg, Mayor

West Des Moines:

Commissioner: Steven Gaer, Mayor
Alternate: Tom Hadden, City Manager

Windsor Heights:

Commissioner: Zac Bales-Henry, Council
Member
Alternate: Joseph Jones

The new representatives replace DART's previous nine member Board of Commissioners who represented seven districts throughout the DART region and two at-large seats. The new structure was approved by all DART member communities following the unanimous recommendation of an independent task force in May.

Commissioners who are no longer serving on the board were recognized in an informal lunch prior to the noon meeting. Those commissioners are:

Christine Hensley: District 3, Des Moines

Gaye Johnson: At-Large, Polk County

Skip Moore: District 5, Des Moines and Pleasant Hill

Joann Muldoon: District 6, Des Moines

Steve Peterson: District 2, Clive, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the public transportation provider in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that connects thousands of people every day to jobs, school, medical appointments, entertainment and more. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100.

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