

**DART Governance Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2017 – 12:00 pm**  
**The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center**  
**1213 25th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jeff Mark, David Jones, Frank Cownie, Jeremy Hamp, Paula Dierenfeld, Don Sandor, Bob Andeweg, Steven Gaer, Jay Byers, Elisabeth Buck, Gretchen Tegeler, Eric Coleman

Support Staff: Scott Raecker, Cassandra Halls, Paul Drey, Elizabeth Presutti, Kristi Knous

Others Attendees: Scott Sanders, Andrea Woodward

**1) Welcome**

- Scott Raecker had everyone introduce themselves plus tell something they enjoy doing to relieve stress and when was the last time they did it.

**2) Approval of February 3, 2017 Task Force Minutes**

- Chair, Mayor Gaer requested a motion to approve the DART Governance Task Force Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2017. It was moved by Mayor Andeweg and seconded by Mayor Cownie to approve the minutes.

**3) Presentation: DART Member Government and Stakeholder Interview Feedback**

- Cassandra Halls presented the results of the 35 interviews she conducted to gather DART Government and Stakeholder Feedback. There were three key themes that were discussed.
  - a) Need for transit – All interview participants agreed that there is a need and a purpose for regional transit.
  - b) Representation – The majority of those interviewed believe that modifications must be made to the current DART governance structure.
  - c) Leadership – Advocacy must be a balance between DART priorities and for the communities participating in the service.

**4) Presentation: Other Governance Models (Transit and Non-Transit)**

- Cassandra Halls reviewed the Local Governance Models document and Elizabeth Presutti, DART CEO, reviewed the Transit Governance Models document.
- Paul Drey will review the models discussed to determine what actions would be required per DART's governing documents to make such changes.

**5) Discussion**

- Scott Raecker led a group discussion on what type of governance model would be best for DART as we look to the future.
- The main discussion points were:

- a) The need for more representation on the DART Board while not wanting to board to get too large.
  - o Possibility for DART to make use of committees to expand representation.
- b) Different ways to weight votes and how representation would be determined.
- The Task Force wanted to see additional data as they moved forward with making recommendations. The data points requested prior to the next meeting are:
  - a) DART Property tax levy rates and associated revenue
  - b) Population with anticipated growth
  - c) Employment with anticipated growth
  - d) Ridership

**6) Next Meeting**

*March 31, 2017 – 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Morrison Room, Knapp Center at Drake University*

**7) Adjourn**