

**GATRA
Consumer Advisory Committee
OPEN MEETING**

**Date: March 15, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Attleboro Public Library
74 N. Main Street
Attleboro, MA**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Reading & Acceptance of Minutes: January 18, 2018
3. Consumer Comments
4. Reports from the Authority
5. Reports from the Operator
6. Unfinished or Old Business
7. New Business
8. Remarks or Announcements from the Chair
9. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

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**Minutes of the GATRA Attleboro/Taunton Consumer Advisory Meeting on
January 18, 2018, 1PM held at the Attleboro Public Library.**

Present:

Julie Hall, Chair, Attleboro City Council	Jeffrey Heap, Vice Chair
Water Thibodeau, Attleboro City Council	Wendy Gonzales, SCIL
Joanne LaFerrara, GATRA	Sarah Alden, MRC - Taunton
Stephanie Lenhardt, SRPEDD	Ed Rosario, DAR Manager

Call to Order

Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on October 19, 2017 were approved.

Consumer Comments

Mr. Heap stated that he called into the GATRA office during the inclement weather a few weeks ago and it was reported back to him that everything was going well despite the unsavory weather conditions.

Reports from the Authority

Ms. LaFerrara reported that they have been very busy with the upcoming switch of Operators from Plymouth & Brockton (P&B) to TransDev.

Ms. LaFerrara explained to meeting members the Uber Pilot Program and provided an update. Ms. LaFerrara explained some of the program perks and challenges. Ms. LaFerrara stated that she will be attending a meeting soon to focus on ways to sustain the program and present it to other groups and agencies in hopes of spreading the word on its successful progress.

Ms. Alden asked if there was a list of some of the agencies that use the program. Ms. LaFerrara stated that she will make sure to have a list sent out with the minutes for the next meeting.

Mr. Rosario asked if the program can be used for anything. Ms. LaFerrara stated that the purpose of the program is to be utilized when GATRA service is not available.

Ms. LaFerrara stated that they are busy preparing for the Tri-Annual Review that will be coming this Summer.

Reports from the Operator

Mr. Rosario reported the DAR statistics for the months of October 2017, November 2017, and December 2017 to meeting members.

Unfinished or Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Ms. LaFerrara stated that Ms. Karen Cruz, of the Taunton Housing Authority, will be attending the next GCAC meeting in hopes of finding solutions to their transportation issues.

Ms. Lenhardt stated that she will be leaving SRPEDD at the end of the month, and thanked meeting members for a delightful 3 years of GCAC meetings.

Remarks or Announcements from the Chair

Ms. Hall commended GATRA for still running during trying weather conditions.

A discussion was held on snow removal at GATRA bus stops and in the local region, pertaining to plowing/responsibilities, communication of detours between DPW and transit, safety, and accessible parking.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:32PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on:

Date: February 15, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: 2 Oak Street

Taunton, MA

