



# American Public Transportation Association

**Combined Meetings of the  
Business Member Legislative Subcommittee/Business Member Procurement Committee  
Sunday, October 13, 2019, 8:00 – 9:00 am  
Times Square, 7th Floor  
Marriott Marquis, New York, NY**

## **Agenda**

1. **Introductions** – Natalie Cornell, Chair and Ray Melleady, Chair
2. **Approval of Minutes** from May Meeting (Attachment 1)
3. **APTA Antitrust Statement:**  
*The cardinal rule in keeping an association's operations within anti-trust laws is that there should be no agreements – express or implied – which restrain the member's freedom to make independent decisions in matters that affect competition. Each member must be completely independent to set prices, establish production and sales levels, choose the markets in which he or she will operate and select his or her customers and suppliers.*
4. **Business Member Legislative Subcommittee KPI Update**
5. **FAST Act, Appropriations and Legislative Update** – Ray Melleady
6. **Investing in Local Referenda** – Ray Melleady
  - Phoenix Light Rail Vote
  - Merits of BM Activity Fund investment in local referenda
  - How to determine which, when and how much (process for intake and considerations of future requests)
7. **Procurement Issues** – Natalie Cornell
  - Buy America
  - Chinese Equipment
  - 2020 issues

## 8. Other Business

## 9. Adjourn

### **2020 Business Member Board of Governors Meetings:**

- Business Member Annual Meeting, January 29 – February 1, 2020, Carlsbad, CA
- Legislative Conference, Sunday, March 15, Washington, DC
- Mobility Conference, Sunday, May 17, San Antonio, TX
- Annual Meeting & EXPO, Sunday, October 11, Anaheim, CA

All business members are invited to attend and participate in BMBG meetings.

# **Attachment 1**

## ***Business Member Legislative/Procurement Committee Meeting Minutes***

May 19, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Business Member Legislative Committee Chair Ray Melleady called to order the regular meeting of the Business Member Legislative/Procurement Committee at 7:01am on May 19, 2019 at the Omni Louisville in Louisville, KY.

### **II. Introductions**

Attendees were: John Barberis, Christopher Boylan, Brad Carson, Freddie Fuller, II, Sharon Greene, Huelon Harrison, Frank DiGiacomo, Tony Kellen, James LaRusch, Firas Makhoul, Jack Martinson, Raymond Melleady, Raquel Olivier, James Srygley, William Thomsen, Jeff Wharton, Rick Bacigalupo, John Hroncich, Larry Fuehrer, Bill Umbenhauer, John Fink, Stephanie Laubenstein, Mark Hybner, Nicole Christus, David Carol.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Business Member Legislative Committee Chair Ray Melleady called for a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and was voted on unanimously.

### **IV. Agenda items**

- a) The anti-trust statement was read.
- b) Nicole Christus gave the legislative update. APTA President and CEO Paul Skoutelas sent correspondence to the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, highlighting APTA's priorities for transit. The U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be holding a hearing on the use of federal funds to procure Chinese-manufactured rolling stock. President Donald Trump and Congressional leaders are scheduled to meet regarding an infrastructure bill.
- c) The 2019 Business Member Fly-In was recapped; there were 38 participants, holding 82 meetings and the focus was on the Highway Trust Fund shortfall. The participants were thanked. Participants shared their experiences from that day.
- d) An update was given for the BMBG Strategic Plan; the plan has been finalized. A link to the document will be shared via the APTAconnect committee communities pages. The working group that helped create the document was recognized.

- e) The BMBG Advocacy Plan was discussed; letters have been sent to Congressional representatives from key opposition states, in collaboration with Advocacy Associates.
- f) Business Member Procurement Committee Chair Natalie Cornell sought feedback on Buy America compliance challenges. There was a report that automobile manufacturer Chevrolet is not able to meet the mandatory 70% content rule on a procurement they are fulfilling for Washington State.

#### **V. New business**

- a) The committee was asked to review the draft version of an advocacy request document, as well as the proposal to fund transit opposition research.
- b) Costs have gone up 25% on imports, due to the Chinese tariff.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Business Member Procurement Committee Chair Natalie Cornell adjourned the meeting at 8:01am.

Minutes prepared and submitted by APTA staff advisor Adam Martin.