



Minutes of the Gulf Coast Rail District Board Meeting – March 14, 2023

A meeting of the Gulf Coast Rail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Houston TranStar and via video conference. In attendance at the meeting were Directors Ronald A. Beeson, Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, Kendric Jones, Jon Keeney, Carol Abel Lewis, Bruce Mann, Jean Mann, Allen Owen, and Jeff E. Ross. Absent were Directors Robert A. Fry, Jr., Christopher Lane, and Tina Arias Peterman. Written notices of the meeting including the date, hour, place and agenda for the meeting were posted with Harris County, with the Secretary of State, and at the Gulf Coast Rail District office located at Houston TranStar in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The inaudible portions of the recording were removed from these minutes.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Good afternoon, everyone. We are one hundred percent delighted that it is two o'clock, March 14th, 2023, Gulf Coast Rail District Meeting. I am delighted to call us to order. I'm Dr. Carol Lewis, presiding officer of Gulf Coast Rail District. I want to call our meeting to order as I just mentioned. We're being conducted with the options to participate in person or by video conference. Our public meeting location is Houston TranStar, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, Texas, Conference Center Room 120A. The video conference is conducted through Microsoft Teams and that link can be found in the meeting invitations, the agenda, and the public postings. The meeting is open to the public. The public will have the opportunity to address the board with a limit of three minutes per speaker. When addressing the board, we ask you to don't forget to mute and enable your microphone and if you're online, please raise your hand. Board members may participate by video conference and according with the provisions of section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code applicable to governmental bodies that extend into three or more counties. Based on Open Meeting Act requirements, Gulf Coast Rail District board members participating in Microsoft Teams will need to be seen and heard throughout the meeting for attendance and to record voting. We can't accommodate members by telephone for our quorum. As required, I am physically present for the board meeting and I ask that the secretary, Mayor Keeney, conduct our roll call please. Please be audible when your name is called.

Director Jon Keeney: Ronald Beeson? He's there (online). Veronica Chapa Gorczynski?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Present.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Jeff Ross?

Director Jeff Ross: Here.

Director Jon Keeney: Tina Arias Peterman? Dr. Carol is here. The mayor's here. Bruce Mann?

Director Bruce Mann: Yes, sir.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Allen Owen?
Director Allen Owen: Here.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Kendric Jones?
Director Kendric Jones: Here.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Christopher Lane? Not here. Jean Mann?
Director Jean Mann: Here.

Director Jon Keeney: And Robert Fry? We do in fact have a quorum.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Perfect. Thank you so very much. Our next item is that we did post per the Open Meeting requirements as of Friday at two o'clock. I'm going to look at Ms. Patke for a head nod.

Ms. Lisa Patke: Yes.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Absolutely. On to item four, discussion and possible action on the minutes for the February 14th meeting. Director Keeney, please.

Director Jon Keeney: Yes. I'll call for a motion here in a moment, but you will note on page eight of your meeting packet. You will find that we made a slight error in referring to a gentleman who spoke, Mr. Dominic Mazoch as Patient Zero rather than he represents Vision Zero. (Clarification: Mr. Dominic Mazoch was not representing Vision Zero but referring to Vision Zero during his public comments.) So, if you'll make that correction in your notes on your page eight, then I will call for a motion on our meeting notes.

Director Bruce Mann: Motion as amended.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you. Got a second?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Second, Chapa Gorczynski.

Director Jon Keeney: Thank you so much. Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor?
Board: Aye.

Director Jon Keeney: Any opposed? It's unanimous. Thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you so much. Our report from the treasurer, Director Owen please.

Director Allen Owen: Madam Chair, I would ask that Chris Palis give us our update.

Mr. Chris Palis: Good afternoon, everybody. You should have that bookkeeper's report for Gulf Coast Rail, the March 14th meeting, in front of you. Page two is the cash flow report showing a starting balance of \$148,549. No receipts for the month and we have checks today totaling \$4,858.62 leaving a balance in the checking account of \$143,691. Page three is the listing of account balances. You can see the listing of CDs and then the money market fund at Texas Class with a grand total of \$1,480,827. Page four and five is a report on the budget, actual verse budget for the month of February. You can see total contributions here of \$33,505 and total expenses for the month \$1,330 leaving a net contribution amount of \$2,175. And just as always, the next few pages—six, seven, eight, nine—are just the grant status report which there's been no activity since the last meeting. That's it. That concludes the bookkeeper's report.

Director Allen Owen: Very good. Are there any questions of Chris? If not, I would ask that Resolution 23-08 ratifying the payments be approved.

Director Jon Keeney: So moved.

Director Kendric Jones: Second.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you, that's Keeney and Jones. Alright. Thank you so much. All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Any opposition? Alright, thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: We're on to item number seven, public comment period. We didn't have anyone to sign up here. We do have a couple of folks with us today. Would either of you like to have a comment? Would you like to comment?

Mr. Robert Maldonado: Yes. I'd just like to introduce myself today.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Please.

Mr. Robert Maldonado: My name is Robert Maldonado. I was appointed by Harris County Commissioners Court. I am a current Union Pacific Railroad employee so I'm actual boots on the ground. So, I think I bring biased or unbiased information—we all do—to this board. Feel free to ask any questions, I'll give you my honest opinion, but just here to try to make a difference. So, glad to be here.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: One hundred percent delighted to have you. So, we haven't gotten official paperwork yet, but we are looking forward to getting that. And then the process... There are a number of our board members who are relatively new also, so they'll take you/we'll go through a briefing for you and then we've got some official papers to sign. We'll be just delighted for you to join us. The thing that you'll get to hear today is a lot of the background work that we do, so when you do your briefing, you'll already know some of the things. So, that'll be great. Thank you. So, who's accompanying you?

Mr. Robert Maldonado: Oh, yes, my son kind of tagged along today when we were doing a college campus tour for future education.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful.

Mr. Robert Maldonado: So, killing two birds with one stone.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful. Well, I'll be happy to talk to you after we finish the meeting as well.

Mr. Robert Maldonado: Absolutely. Thanks for having me.

Director Bruce Mann: I'm sorry, you said you work for UP now?

Mr. Robert Maldonado: Yes. I'm a conductor for Union Pacific. I've been there 17 years. I'm also secretary/treasurer of my SMART Local 1892 here in Houston so wear many hats.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Great.

Director Bruce Mann: Thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Awesome, very good. Alright, so I think that takes us past item number seven. Number eight, report from the executive director, Ms. Parker. I think you'll find has been quite busy this month.

Ms. Lisa Patke: Lindsay Williams would like to say hello.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Oh. Lindsay Williams, thank you for being with her. You'd like to say hello, you can, you absolutely can in public comments section. Please go ahead.

Ms. Lindsay Williams: Oh, yes. My name is Lindsay Williams. I'm the Eastwood Civic Association Train Committee Chair. I work with the East End Rail Safety Task Force with the Houston District as well and I'm just here to listen in and help just gather information. Just saying hello. I don't have anything else to comment on at this time.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful. Thank you for being with us.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Thank you. I missed our last meeting. We've had a lot of new faces come on so hello to all of our new directors to Gulf Coast Rail District Board. Next slide... On my list is the HART update. I'm showing the committee. The HART committee met last Friday, March 10th, to discuss the FRA debriefing that occurred on February 23rd. We talked about the project lists that were submitted by various jurisdictions. Next, the FRA Administrative Roundtable occurred on the 23rd, as I said, concerning the creation of HART, and that they were questioning things about timing, members of the group, and some of the HART committee members were there to also offer insight. And also, on that night there was a committee meeting that Commissioner Bose attended and spoke about HART and also about some of the East End issues that were addressed from his visit I think six months before. He came back to provide an update as to what has been occurring since they've already been in town.

On the 14th, I attended Texas Rail Day in Austin and had the opportunity to meet and speak with representatives from Texas Railroad Association, BNSF, UP, Texas Rail Advocates, Trinity Rail, the offices of Representative Canales, Christian Manuel, and Representative Four Price, all to talk about the Rail Relocation Fund and also GCRD and the HART program as well.

Lastly, the committee meetings I attended was TAC and also Greater Houston Freight Committee, which meets quarterly, and also, our Rail Safety Summit that will be coming up May 9th and 10th. If you recall, I sent out an email to each of the directors asking you to be a part of the executive briefing which will occur April 8th and 9th. You can choose one of the days to attend or have someone from your area to be a part of that executive briefing. And once you attend that briefing, then it will be decided at that point who will attend those two-day sessions for the summit. So, we are asking initially elected officials, traffic engineers, police chiefs, and those are the some of the responses that I've gotten and thank you to all of you who responded and gave your names to be a part of that list. But during that call, you'll learn statistical data related to rail incidents in Houston. You'll receive an overview of the session topics and benefits of the May summit, and we'll discuss concerns related to rail operations under your jurisdiction. So, at the end of the webinar, we will have a better understanding about the May summit and will be able to provide input for the agenda and identify those in their jurisdiction, if not who should attend that summit. That deadline is March 20th, so you have a few days. If you're still thinking

about it, please let me know so that we can get you on that list for update. Next slide... That's it. Any questions?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Yes. Go back to Ms. Parker's page. So, on the Railroad Administrator's visit here, Director Beeson attended as well. I was in Austin for the Rail Relocation Fund, but Director Beeson attended so Director Beeson we want to ask you if you'd like to comment on that as well.

Director Ronald Beeson: Yes. The discussion regarding HART was I thought well-received. A lot of support around the room from Commissioner Garcia, the FRA Administrator, etc. So, I would say it was almost unanimous support and understanding as to why that organization will... or the team will create value by having a unified front and pushing forward the projects that are desperately needed. So, I thought it was well-received. It seemed to have traction with the administrator so I'm optimistic that we'll have more success in the future than we have had in the past in getting some federal funding support. So, I'll leave it there.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Awesome. We thank you for attending on behalf of our Gulf Coast Rail District Board for our directors. We thank you very much for attending that.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Also in attendance, we actually had a contingent from GCRD, so Director Mann was there too—Jean Mann and Bruce Mann—and Director Keeney. They were all around the table...

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Awesome.

Ms. Katherine Parker: ...as part of the discussion. I think I got everybody who was there. And then Judge Duhon as well, he was there, he acknowledged that he had been a part of our board.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: That's awesome. So, would any of the rest of you who attended want to make comment on that?

Director Jon Keeney: I'd like just one or two observations. I feel strongly that interestingly enough the fed would really like to see us be successful, and I think that's a unique attitude that I don't often run into. And you can certainly disagree with me, Bruce, if you choose to. But the other thing is that the administrator, the FRA administrator, made it perfectly clear that on the list of projects we have, they need to be effectively well-defined, all the barriers removed as much as possible so that there is as clear a path forward with those initial 10 projects. And my hope is that we as a HART group can get our arms around where those projects are—the status. In my opinion, we need to be talking those up wherever we can and gaining support. There seems to be lots of activity around the whole notion of rail traffic here in Houston, there's been articles in the paper. I saw a blurb on... News that there was a town hall meeting concerning rail. So there seems to be a lot of background noise that would contribute to us moving this project forward.

Director Bruce Mann: And I actually had the chance to talk to Administrator Bose for about 30 seconds afterwards. He actually extended the invitation if we were in DC to come see him. So, if we somehow get the opportunity to be up there, we should probably try to talk to his staff to see if we can fit in to meet with him because he extended the invitation.

Director Jon Keeney: Yes. Just also I thought the TxDOT representative made it perfectly clear that they had the resources and engineering skillset and the willingness to move these projects forward at their cost. And that's a good thing as far as I'm concerned that TxDOT is deeply involved in aiding this project.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: That's very good. Exactly. Ms. Mann?

Director Jean Mann: No, I'm good. They covered at all.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright, great. Alright, thank you. Ms. Chapa Gorczynski? I know how to say your last name. Chapa Gorczynski?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: If I said it and wasn't reading it, I would have said it correctly, but I looked at the spelling and I got all tongue-tied.

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Every time. Hi. I'm Director Chapa Gorczynski. I actually attended the evening town hall over in the Denver Harbor neighborhood along with Lindsay Williams, a member of the East End community. So, I did get some time with FRA administrator and some other elected from the area. So, the only piece that I would say is a value-add is what I articulated to the staff was I felt that there's always this big push in publishing that funding is available and there's more than enough funding. Or I think that the phrase that they were using was "plenty of funding" but what I emphasized to people that were visiting us from DC was that when you have match requirements that are equally high, it is also a barrier. And so, as we continue to advocate for funds, things to think about is, for example, when we have a disaster and we receive HUD funds, we sometimes get reduced match requirements because we are a distressed area. So, I shared that as a long-term strategy because even though all of these funds are available and published and put out there as the solution, the reality is we are tied by GR and local sources that match that can leverage those funds. And so, to continue to educate that deployment and investment is not just looking at making the money available but ways that they can partner with a reduction that allows for feasibility for the actual implementation of projects is going to mean that we really are investing in neighborhoods that otherwise would not have this equitable investment. So, it's very nuanced. I've sat doing this kind of work now for 15 years and I think the piece that always gives me pause is there's a promise of money, but they have to be willing to partner and invest it too.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you for that. And I wanted to mention, just Director Keeney, on the comment about the 10 grade projects, so just so that everybody's on the same page. With our HART team, we have identified 10 grade separations to go forward. And those 10 grade separations are from the list, the compiled list that TxDOT had done. I think there's roughly 56 to 60 grade separations between the Houston-Beaumont area. But we solicited sort of a priority list from really a broad group of stakeholders and then ended up with our list of 10, which are 5 in the City of Houston, 3 in Harris County, 1 in Baytown, and 1 in Fort Bend County. So that compiles a list of 10.

So, what's going to happen with that list of 10 projects is that TxDOT is going to go in and do an additional study, sort of as you were saying, to prepare them so that we're ready to roll them out when notices of fundings become available. So, we're expecting sort of two, give or take, but

we're expecting one sort of summer and one sort of end of year, at least two this year. So, we want to be ready to respond to those calls. So, that's just sort of... the background sort of know at the moment.

Director Jean Mann: You said that there will be other rounds for that?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Absolutely.

Director Jean Mann: Okay.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Absolutely. So, there is a lot of us saying that because there is a longer list that the group will be working on. And as a matter of fact, Ms. Parker mentioned one of the crossings that you had mentioned to her. She mentioned the other part is that every one of the crossings where we want attention, everything doesn't need grade separation. So, there are other kinds of things that... Right now, the attention is on grade separation because that's what we need the most money for and that's what the feds' federal match will be good for. But I think as we mature, one of the things will be working at and for is all the other kind of improvements that can happen that are sort of shy of a grade separation.

Director Jean Mann: That particular crossing is open.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Right.

Director Jean Mann: And there was an accident there. So, we're looking for anything at this point.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Exactly. So as soon as we talk, we might be able to even fast forward something like that.

Director Jean Mann: She gave me a little update.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Yes, we talked. I actually with the FRA representative last week, Tuesday. She's coming to investigate the Splendora crossing. And so, we can work with TxDOT to get gates and lights. It's a process to get that put in since that's a passive crossing. Passive crossing has not gates, just your signage, but with active crossing, all those exist. But these funds, like Dr. Lewis said, are not just specific to grade separations. They offer a variety of options for safety improvement. And so, the good thing about this study is that all that we're focusing right now are the 10; all of the grade crossings within this region were a part of this list. So, it's a lot of work, a lot of data, but it gives us a really great picture of what's happening rail-wise for our region. And like I said, this funding will be available for the next five years so just because someone is not funded in year one or two, it is our goal as The HART committee to have these requests ready for application, so as a group we'll be doing our best to help the jurisdictions get to that point. And internally, we'll be working on really the details of the committee. And also, Lisa and I have been talking about the website question and we're thinking about that as we speak so that when the public comes to our website, there will be a standalone... that will take you to The HART.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Yes. That was kind of an interesting sidebar. I reached out to Katherine because I was talking to someone about this, and they asked me for the website...

Better get a website very quickly.

Director Jeff Ross: Where can we get a list of the 10 projects?

Ms. Lisa Patke: Lindsay's asking to repeat those 10.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, I did not name the 10 projects, but I said 5 in the City of Houston, 3 in Harris County, 1 in Fort Bend, and 1 in Baytown. And so, we can put the list on our... We can just put the list on the GCRD website.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Once we... We have to confirm I think... Once we get those confirmed, then we'll be able to publish that list. Trying to make sure that we have everything correct, that they were in the correct phase and that the jurisdictions, the priorities, that we're all on the same page as far as what we're publishing.

Director Bruce Mann: One point really quick. The TxDOT study isn't going to be a full-blown design of a project, but we'd probably get it prepared for a design-build. Because they're going to do a high-level benefit-cost and a schematic and look at big roadblock issues like pipelines or whatever. So, they'll do the initial investigation of each one of these projects. So that's what, just to put maybe a finer point on it, that this would prepare the project to be submitted for a grant application for a design-build or just a design. So that's kind of what this round of 10 is going to be.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you for that, for verifying that. Alright. Anything else on Executive Director Parker's report? Alright.

So, rolling into just general announcements, we're into this Rail Relocation Fund effort. And so, as we have heard, the allocation that has been requested was for the 200 million to go into the appropriations bill. We are advocating more and so we don't know how successful we'll be, but the good news is that we have the 200 million in which is the first time anything's been put in there since 2005 when the Rail Relocation Fund was established. So, we at least know that the 200 million is going forward. We're going to... A couple of us are going to try and go back to Austin to see if we can get the amount increased, so we'll see. But at least that is good news because that gives us money for our local match. And so, between there'll be something coming from there and something from some of the different local governments, we should at least be able to get started.

The other thing on the list is our meeting with Mayor Turner last Friday. So, you all know that at the beginning of the year, we try to cycle through all of our board member affiliations. So, we try to go to everyone at least once a year to keep everyone up to date on what's transpired, what's going forward. So, we did that on Friday with Mayor Turner. The things that we took were The HART, so that was actually I think news to him. I don't know that he was aware necessarily of all of that. So, we took The HART forward and he's very supportive of that. We also took corridor discussions and Director Ross as chair of Passenger Transport sort of led that. And so, Director Owen, this is going to really kind of get you excited—I think, I hope, but we're closer than we've ever been on the 90A. It has gone to H-GAC procurement, so the next step is out the door, so it is very close. What they are telling us too is that Westpark should not be as onerous. So hopefully we'll get that. And then Executive Director Parker has given the names for the two-tiered committees where herself and Director Ross as Passenger Transport Chair on the steering

committee and your name, Director Owen, on the Stakeholder Committee. And I think that had been conversation that matched where you wanted to participate here. So, that happened. Then the third thing we talked about with Mayor Turner, and you will hear more about this in weeks to come, this was presented by Director Peterman, is about our fee structure, our dues structure. So, Legislative and Funding Committee met and so we will hear more from Director Peterman about the conversation about that. Not ready yet but is to sort of revisit that. So, for everyone's just, again, point that we're starting at exactly the same knowledge point, is the fee structure was set when we were started in 2007. So, since that time, our counties have grown. We're talking about METRO becoming a full voting member. Well, the question from them is what is their fee. So, all of that is being investigated so you will hear more about that forthcoming. So, what are we looking at? We're looking at a fee structure set according to the population of the county and for the Port and METRO that don't have population bases, we're looking at those based on annual revenue. So those were some things that, again, Legislative and Funding will do some more cycles of the conversation on, and we'll make sure that every director has been part of the conversation before that is brought forward and then that'll help us to set up some framework going forward because it is 2023. It's hard to believe that, isn't it? For those of us who are more than 10 years old. It is now 2023 and GCRD has been moving forward since 2007 and when you look to see how was the fee structure set up, there's nothing there that gives us background. So, we really looking forward to setting foundation for this going forward. Alright. So, does anybody have any questions about anything I've talked about?

Director Allen Owen: Madam Chair.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Yes.

Director Allen Owen: Director Owen here. I just wanted to tell you that I had lunch last week with Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter McCoy, the new county commissioner in Fort Bend County, to bring him up to date on our projects in Fort Bend County. The commissioner is very interested in transportation. And I also told him that they needed to appoint somebody from Fort Bend County. I don't know if they've done it yet, but I suggested that he find somebody, and I suggested that he find an attorney since we lost Rich. But anyway, Dexter is very keen and interested in both of the projects—the 90A project as well as the extension of Westpark Toll Road, but I think we have a very good advocate now. If we haven't in the past, I think we have a very good advocate now on Fort Bend County's Commissioners Court to help us with any projects going forward.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful, wonderful. Thank you for that. So, I had a very good suggestion to explain what I mean when we say 90A and Westpark because we do have some folks who haven't been on the board as long as others. So, the 90A corridor is US 90A from essentially NRG all the way out South Main/90A to Richmond/Rosenberg to look at it for some kind of passenger transport. The work will examine both light rail transit and bus rapid transit. For kind of background and history, two years... when we were set up, we were only set up with commuter rail as our passenger transport option. So went to the legislature last cycle and asked them to include the bus rapid transit and advanced technologies to allow us to sort of modernize our list. So fortunate to get that passed in the legislature the last cycle, so we have bus rapid transit as one of the options of 90A. And then in Westpark, Houston METRO is building bus rapid transit; they're in their environmental phases now. It's sort of an upside down L from sort of north/northeast Houston down past University of Houston, Texas Southern, then out sort of Richmond, Westpark all the way, and it actually end essentially a little bit past Beltway 8. So, we

have been working. Katherine and I went to Fort Bend Mayors and Council and met with most of the Fort Bend commissioners and Fort Bend County judge about extending from Westpark's end immediately west of West Belt all the way to somewhere near the Fort Bend County line on the other side. So, we don't think that's very difficult. Unlike 90A where we'll be looking at options and alignments, in Westpark the alignment is fixed. It has to be in the Westpark Toll Road right of way, which Fort Bend already owns that right of way... Fort Bend Toll Road already owns that right of way. So, we think that that one is not extremely complicated. We/GCRD also did a study, I think it was 2018, where we had all the stakeholders at the table and looked at alternatives and BRT was a third option for that corridor. So, a lot of that groundwork has been done so we're hopeful that at the point that METRO does their construction and gets there we'll hope that we'll be able to pick up and keep moving forward from that point. So that's kind of a description of what we're talking about when we say 90A and Westpark. Look, for a bit of history. We had 290 on our... And I don't know if we mentioned this to you, Director Jones. So, in the early days we had 290 on as sort of low-hanging fruit. At that point, we thought the City of Houston owned the right of way in Hempstead Road. We have now sort of ended with it's really TxDOT right of way, not the city. So, we thought if it were City, we could use it as match, and it was one of our sort of first fruit corridors. We also have a Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Central that now is not as imminent as it used to be, that we would be under their right of way from 610 to the Beltway. So, we did some early work on 90A... I'm sorry, on 290. And so hopefully we get these started. I would love for that to roll back up and love to talk to Director Mann, Jean Mann, about anything that you all might be interested in on the passenger side sort of north and maybe start talking about Galveston once we get these two...

Director Jean Mann: Okay.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright. So, any other conversation? Alright. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th. Please govern yourselves related to the things that Executive Director Parker mentioned about these executive briefings. Thank you for those of you who have signed up thus far, and we'll look forward to seeing everybody on April 11th and hopefully you'll have more good news.

Director Allen Owen: Very good. Thanks.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright. Is there a motion to adjourn?

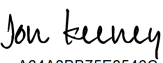
Director Jeff Ross: So moved.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright, Ross.

Director Bruce Mann: Second.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: And Mann. Alright. Thank you. We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone. (Adjourned at 2:38 p.m.)

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