



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

A meeting of the Gulf Coast Rail District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Houston TranStar and via video conference. In attendance at the meeting were Directors Angelique Bartholomew, Ronald A. Beeson, Robert A. Fry, Jr., Stephen Gilbreath, Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, Kendric Jones, Carol Abel Lewis, Robert Maldonado, Jr., Jean Mann, and Allen Owen. Absent were Directors Jon Keeney, Bruce Mann, and Jeff E. Ross. 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: Thank you all. We're ready to begin, thank you so much (2:05 p.m.). Alright, all, we are here for Gulf Coast Rail District meeting, it's November 14th, 2023. I know it's difficult to believe we only have one more month left in the year 2023. That's, oh, some days, okay. Today's meeting is being conducted with options to participate in person or by video conference. The public meeting location is Houston TranStar, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, Texas, Conference Room 120A. The video conference is conducted through Microsoft Teams and that link can be found in the meeting invitation, the agenda, and the public posting. The meeting is open to the public. The public will have the opportunity to address the board during the public comments with a limit of three minutes per speaker. If you wish to address the board, please, if you're online, raise your hand and we'll acknowledge you. If you're in the room, approach the podium, please. Board members may participate by video conference in accordance with provisions of section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code applicable to a governmental body that extends into three or more counties. Based on Open Meetings Act requirements, Gulf Coast Rail District board members participating in the Microsoft Teams will need to be seen and heard throughout the meeting for attendance and to record voting. Therefore, members calling in via telephone will not count toward the quorum or for voting. As required, I am physically present for the board meeting and ask that Director Owen, if you would step in and conduct the roll call for us. Do you have that list?

Director Allen Owen: Yes, I do, Madam Chairman, and I'll call it for the board. Director Beeson?

Director Ronald Beeson: Yes, I'm here.

Director Allen Owen: Director Maldonado?

Director Robert Maldonado, Jr.: Here.

Director Allen Owen: Director Gorczynski?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Here, present.

Director Allen Owen: I know she's here. Director Gilbreath?
Director Stephen Gilbreath: Here.

Director Allen Owen: I know Jeff Ross is not. Dr. Lewis is here. I don't think Mayor Keeney is on, I don't think he's making it. Director Mann?

Director Jean Mann: Here.

Director Allen Owen: Bruce Mann? I'll get Jean Mann in a minute. Is Bruce Mann on? Is Bruce Mann not on?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: He is not.

Director Allen Owen: Yes. Director Bartholomew (joined via audio only after roll call)? I'm here (Allen Owen). Director Jones (joined in person shortly after roll call)? And then Jean Mann, Director Mann, she's here.

Director Jean Mann: Here.

Director Allen Owen: Madam Chairman, I think we have a quorum. Well, I don't know. You're the chairperson, so you count.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Yes, we made our quorum, so thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, ma'am.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: If you would like to go on with discussion and possible action on the minutes from October 10th, if you would do that for us as well, please.

Director Allen Owen: Madam Chairman, unless there are changes, I move they be approved as read.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, so we've got a...

Director Ronald Beeson: Second.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Yes, motion and second. So, the second was Gilbreath, yes? Okay, alright, thank you. All in favor?

Director Allen Owen: It may have been Director Beeson.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: I think it's Beeson.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, Beeson.

Director Allen Owen: Director Beeson made the second.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, so Owen and Beeson, thank you. All in favor?

Board: Aye.

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

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I forgot to confirm the meeting posting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Patke did do that. She did it on Thursday in recognition of the fact that so many places were closed Friday for Veterans Day weekend. So, we, in fact, can confirm that that was done. If we could go on with the report from the treasurer, Director Owen, please.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, Madam Chairman, I think David Banos is sitting there. I think I can see him. Alright, David, you want to give the report?

Mr. David Banos: Good afternoon, everyone. You have a copy, look at the report that we passed out last week dated for today, November 14th, 2023. Pass the cover page. We have the cash flow

for your checking account with a beginning balance of \$120,481.63. We do have four checks for your approval and a service charge from your bank of \$5.00. Total disbursements \$13,157.45 leaves an ending balance in this account for \$107,324.18. The next page is the account balances for the District. We did have two CDs that matured last month. We released those CDs to your Texas CLASS money market account. You will get a better yield on that instead of all the other options that you had. Ending balance, the grand total for the District is \$1,513,342.36. The following page, page four, is the actual verse budget comparison and this is for October 2023. That's for your contributions and expenses. And page five is the same report, and these are for the grant and professional contract services and the in-kind and pro bono items. Pages six through nine is a grant status report which has not changed since the last meeting. And the balance of my report is the quarterly investment report, and this is for the period ending September 30, 2023. And it contains the summary of your money markets and your investments which is your CDs, and this is to be in compliance with the Public Fund Investment Act and the District's investment policy. And that's all I have. Let me know if you have any questions.

Director Allen Owen: Anyone have any questions of David? If not, I would ask that we approve the report and that we approve Resolution 23-21 ratifying the payments. We need a motion from somebody.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: Make a motion to approve.

Director Allen Owen: Other than me.

Director Stephen Gilbreath: Gilbreath makes a motion to approve.

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Second.

Director Allen Owen: Who made the second?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Gorczynski.

Director Allen Owen: Gorczynski, alright. Madam Chairman, that's the report, been a motion and approved.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you. So, I think all were in favor. Are there any opposed? No. Okay, great, thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: That takes us to item number seven. We've got two items on the agenda today, seven and eight related to our annual financial report. Item seven authorizes our director to sign a letter of agreement with the company McCall Gibson Swedlund and Barfoot that does our annual reporting for us. Is there a motion to that effect, please?

Director Allen Owen: Director Owen makes the motion.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you. Owen.

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Director Gorczynski will second.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay. Owen, Gorczynski second. Is there any discussion on that? Okay. All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay. Is there anyone opposed? Alright, thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: On to item eight, we're going to ask Mr. Toldan if he'll come forward. We're going to have a discussion and a possible action on accepting his financial report for this year. I ask if you can come forward and do the presentation for us.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Thank you, Dr. Lewis.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Absolutely.

Mr. Brian Toldan: You want me right up here?

Ms. Lisa Patke: You can sit there if you'd like.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Oh, I can come over to David's spot?

Ms. Lisa Patke: Yes.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Your choice.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I don't know that the people on screen can see the podium.

Mr. Brian Toldan: That might be better, Dr. Lewis. Well, good afternoon, everyone. I'm Brian Toldan representing the firm of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot. We've been fortunate enough to do your audit since about 2011, I believe. Some of you may remember me. I was talking to Katherine, as I think it's been since 2019, the last time I had a presence here. I'm going to make a few brief remarks about your audit. It was a pretty standard year. Some of you that have been around a while might remember going back to 2014 and 2015 when you had big grants and made a lot of expenditures, we had to do special audits in relation to the amount of expenditures. Nothing like that this year. So, let me just hit the highlights very quickly for your audit. I think it's good that you do go through this process each year—having an independent audit.

When you have a chance to look at the document, right behind the table of contents will be the independent auditor's report, and a couple of key items there. One is the opinion right up front. So, what should make you feel good is you're going to receive an unmodified opinion. That's the highest opinion a CPA can give an audit of any entity's financial statements. We do remind you, you stepped up to be the board of the management of the District, so these are the District's financial statements, always get as comfortable with the information as you would like and ask us any questions. But be comforted by the fact, starting on page two of our independent auditor's report, we go through an extensive list of our responsibilities. Our firm would be the stereotypical anal CPA, as you might imagine. We dot all the I's, cross all the T's, do all the sustaining test work that we need to sign the opinion. And so that has been done.

Probably the main thing, the other page I would refer you to out of this document that would be key, would be on page 10, which is kind of your statement of activities. Again, very standard year, you have revenues of almost \$264,000. A lot of that is from your contributions from other governmental entities. And back in the footnotes in note five, which is going to be on... or note four on page 18 of the document, you can see the various contributions from Harris County, Fort Bend, Waller, Galveston. And of course, what the City does, not only with salary and benefits, but as well as space, it also goes on the expenditure side. So, that makes up the bulk. You do have investment revenues that ticked up for governmental entities across the board, and that's our specialty is governmental entities. And with interest rates having gone higher, you had \$19,000 of interest income. Your expenditures were \$185,000. When you do have time, there is a supplementary schedule back on page 22 of the report, it's going to break items down—professional fees, contracted services, administrative costs, and what have you. You'll see more detail there. But you added \$78,000 to your fund balance. And so a year in, you've got a little over \$1.4 million in fund balance, and that's all invested primarily. You've got a little bit in just straight cash, but I think there's a schedule, and again this is of December 31, '22, so we're doing fiscal '22. Back on page 23, you'll kind of see the makeup of your investments, and David

addressed that, kind of where you are today. But a good chunk in the Texas CLASS investment pool, some CDs and that was as of 12/31/22. And these state investment pools are actually generally getting up over around 5.5% interest currently.

So, that's really your activity, not much to say there. The footnotes are pretty standard, I alluded to a couple of them there. As you page back behind that, I don't think anything really stands out in your investments. So, I think we would be ready to final this report should the board approve this subject to finalization today, and we would look forward to moving on to next year. Maybe a little earlier, I know we vacillated back and forth. Some years we've been here maybe in the summer, and sometimes it's been in the fall, but we might work toward getting it done a little earlier next year. And the board rep letter there that I have, actually, I think Dr. Lewis could actually just sign that on behalf of the board. There's a letter that all CPAs have to obtain before we can sign an opinion, it's called the board representation letter, standard reps for smaller governmental entities. The basic gist of it is you're not aware of fraud, your compliance with laws and regulations, those sort of things, and I didn't see anything in the audit or how you're structured, everything we looked at didn't give me pause that there's any concern with that. That's about all I will bore you to tears with today. Nobody likes to listen to a CPA too long, so I'd be glad to entertain any questions that you might have.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Questions, board, anyone? Let me note, Ms. Patke, that we've been joined by Director Jones, he did come in. So, Director Owen, I don't know if you can see the length of the table but note that he is here. He's waving at you. Any questions for Mr. Toldan?

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I'm also here. This is Angelique.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay. Okay, wonderful. Thank you. Okay, well if there are no questions, Mr. Toldan, we would be on the verge of allowing you to continue your day.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Well, thank you so much because my days are very busy. If I can hold them to about 12 hours, I consider it a victory, so I will take you up on that. Get back to my office, and I don't know if you have time to sign that, Dr. Lewis. I may walk out of here with it. I'll shoot you a copy of that document if you want that for your file, probably tomorrow. Thanks again, board. We're glad to be in service, and I know one of these years you're going to have another level of significant activity that will make the audit a little more challenging.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Hopefully, next year, as a matter of fact, 2024.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Okay.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I'm saying it now, got some things that we might be able to see. But I'll tell you, one thing about us is that we are keen on using other people's money, so it's not that things aren't happening. We're keen on using other people's money, so there are things going on now where we're using other people's money.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Well, I audit almost 700 governmental entities in the state of Texas, so I'm an expert on spending other people's money.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Mr. Brian Toldan: Yes, ma'am.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright, with that, we're ready for item nine, public comments.

Ms. Lisa Patke: Can we back up?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I don't know if we had... Pardon?

Ms. Lisa Patke: The discussion and approval of the resolution, please.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you, Ms. Patke.

Ms. Lisa Patke: Thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright. So, is there a motion? Do I have a motion to accept the auditor's report?

Director Ronald Beeson: Motion to approve.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, so Beeson I heard, and whom else?

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Second, Chapa Gorczynski.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, Chapa Gorczynski. Alright, is there any discussion? Okay. All in favor on that?

Board: Aye.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, I take it there's no opposition. Alright, thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, now we are on to public comment. I know we had a hand raised by Ms. Williams.

Ms. Lisa Patke: Yes, Lindsay Williams and Dominic.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: And Dominic. So, if we would allow Ms. Williams to go ahead first, please.

Ms. Lindsay Williams: Sure, my name is Lindsay Williams. I'm the Train Committee chair for the Eastwood Civic Association, and I also work on the East End Rail Safety Task Force. Thank you for giving me a minute to say hello again, it's not the first time I've been here. I'm just writing to share the continuing concerns of the community around the freight rail trains blocking intersections. We had been seeing some relief, but we're now seeing numbers that we haven't seen since 2022. Thirty-two percent of the trains coming in on the Galveston subdivisions all stopped over 10 minutes, with the average length of the time increasing to over 53 minutes, and the longest train being over seven hours, and the longest stopping over seven hours. The trend appears to be continuing in November with two mornings this week alone seeing multi-hour stops at the same intersection, no less at the time when children should be walking to school, and this increases the chances of children having to crawl through trains to get to Lantrip Elementary. So, with the predicted increases of freight rail congestion from H-GAC and Union Pacific's implementation of PSR, and their stated goal to their shareholders to lengthen the trains even more, we're feeling a bit trapped with no safe passages around the trains, and there's really nowhere to turn for assistance. So, we just want to continue our plea for future plans, for further plans for grade separations, not only for cars but pedestrians. We just need safe passages around

the stopped trains and just thank you again for your continued advocacy and allowing me to speak, as always.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you, Ms. Williams. Mr. Mazoch?

Mr. Dominic Mazoch: Dr. Carol, can you hear me?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: We can hear you, yes.

Mr. Dominic Mazoch: Okay, okay, start the clock. I'm going to jump on. I have three things. I'm going to make my first one what the previous speaker has spoken about, and I think one of the conditions for the Canadian Pacific/Kansas City merger was a test to see how many trains or the capacity or lack thereof, particularly in the Houston Terminal after the merger has consummated. The merger has consummated, and it seems like not only are we seeing traffic increases on BNSF and UP, but also too in this Canadian Pacific/Kansas City. And I think maybe the thing is, is for this group to watch very carefully the data that's coming from the Service Transportation Board because they run... that monitors, particularly with the, as we know, part of this group is to make the Houston Terminal more fluid than it is right now.

Second of all, Thursday at the METRO board meeting, I think there's a resolution to place a person on this board as a permanent member. I know Mayor Fry's been ex officio, and I think METRO's going to start the processes of putting a full-time member on this board, and I do agree with that. They are the main public transportation group in the area. I think it needs to happen. And I'm going to save the third comment for later. With that, I'm going to send it back to you, Dr. Carol. Thanks for your time.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, you mean later at another meeting, right? Because we're not going to circle back, is that what you mean, Mr. Mazoch?

Mr. Dominic Mazoch: What's that?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: You said you'd save your third comment for later, so I was confirming that you mean another meeting.

Mr. Dominic Mazoch: No, save it for later. No, no, no. I'll save it for a later meeting. I'm finished.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful. I just wanted to make sure we were clear on that. Alright, thank you so much. Alright, is there anyone else representing the public who would like to speak? Alright. If not, we will close item 9 and move to item 10, Director Bartholomew to provide us Marketing and Outreach Committee update, please.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Thank you so much. I apologize for the delay joining today. I'm having issues with my Microsoft in Office. So, very..., so I'm using Google. But thank you to the board...

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, Director Bartholomew, let me just do an interruption and say that according to our guidelines, we need to be able to see you, so we're confirming that we're not voting. So, I just wanted to make it clear that there is no vote that will be taken here so you can

continue, but I wanted to clarify that for people who might have heard the initial intro and had a question. So, there's no vote being taken. So, now we will ask you to proceed.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Thank you so much. I apologize again, board, because that was the intent to have an opportunity to review this with the board and have the vote taken with regard to the social media, and I have been trying to get my Microsoft to participate since the meeting started. But at any rate, I do want to thank Chair Katherine for the opportunity to get the survey out. We did go to review the participating vendors and there were two responses and there was quite a bit of information shared in questions asked during the last meeting to have those vendors participate in a Q&A response. Many of you participated in that survey. We got those results back, and I would like for us to review them and possibly share the full report, I guess, with the Chair and with Chair Katherine to make sure that everybody is on the same page with regard to the media so that we would be able to vote on moving forward with a media plan and budgeting for December. So, with that said, since I'm not visible and we aren't able to take a vote here, I just want to thank the board for their participation in the media review. And we provided the responses to the questions, and I assume we would have to take a vote during the next meeting.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Alright, thank you for that report. I'll ask if anyone has any questions. So, as I ask that, I'm going to start off with saying I think this is incredibly important. Thank you for taking leadership on it. I will tell you that I was sitting next to a Harris County commissioner at a recent luncheon, and he was unaware of THE HART. So, we've got work to do. And so this is one avenue by which we can do that and make all the hard work that we do better known in our community, especially among our elected officials and our transportation community. So, there's going to be a requirement on our part, but I do think that the social media is a big avenue by which we can do that because so many people, that is the way that they get their information now, especially those who happen to be probably under the age of 50. That's just a speculation on my part, not a fact, but thinking that's the case. So, I do thank you. Are there any questions from anyone else? We spent quite a bit of time talking about this at the last meeting. We did kind of conduct a survey. And so Director Bartholomew said that she will bring summaries of those findings at the December meeting for us to have a vote. Other than that, is there anything on anyone's mind that they feel like they would like to say today? Alright, thank you very much, and I will look forward to more conversation on this and a vote during the month of December. Thank you.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: Thank you.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you. Look, I will say that I know sometimes the technology just does not cooperate, and I'm a witness that that happens.

Director Angelique Bartholomew: I'm literally..., it's ridiculous. I really apologize for that. I've been trying to get my Teams up for the last hour, so I apologize again. And it's not even on, so it must be the account.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I know. And often there is little explanation. Offline, I can tell stories galore about difficulties I've had. Alright, item 11, report from the executive director. Ms. Parker, please.

Ms. Katherine Parker: Good afternoon, everyone. Great to see you all for November. I have a short report. Next slide. It's very small, but we did talk about last month the administrative support, basically the extension of our contract with TTI. So, that has been executed and we will extend from December 31st, 2023, to December 31st, 2024. So, another year that Ms. Patke will be working with the District.

Next slide. On November 8th, we sent out our annual county payment request letter. So, this represents the email that went out to each of our member entities. We also included the resolution related to the fee structure policy so that they can understand. For those who there are changes in their contribution amount, they'll see kind of the path that we took and also the invoice was included as well.

And THE HART update, in October we did not meet. The grant working group actually met on yesterday. We were talking about having checklists for requests for letters of support, and also updating our one-pager to include grant submittals. So, this updated document will be used to promote our region's potential grant submittal projects during upcoming transportation and freight conferences and meetings that will be closing out the year. The Unfunded Needs Committee met on November 6th. We talked about gathering methodologies, prioritization, how they came up with their list to be a part of THE HART's list. And so we will be using all of those to kind of tailor what we use as THE HART as far as our list for unfunded needs, which is kind of the next step after those who have said they will be applying for the federal grants.

After meeting with FRA, it's been about a week now, the RCE grant NOFO, notice of funding opportunity, will likely be moved to January/February versus what they have advertised now as December/January. So, that gives just a tad bit more time for those entities that would like to apply, want to be prepared for that notice of funding opportunity that's coming out.

THE HART meeting will be this Friday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m. We'll meet here at TranStar, Room 108, and also is available... for those committee members. That's all I have for my portion.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, I would ask, Ms. Parker, if you'd go back and say a little bit more about the unfunded needs, where the list came from, what might be in it. Are we going to include items that are low dollar value like we talked about that are just crossing arms and perhaps are signals, things that are not grade separations that could still do a tremendous job at improving safety and making just the intersections with our rail lines more convenient around the region?

Ms. Katherine Parker: Yes, the Unfunded Needs Committee. Basically, we started with requests to each of the member entities about what were their priorities as far as rail crossings were concerned. We asked a series of questions about whether they were... was it urgent need, were they most likely to apply for these federal funds, were they not likely, were they still seeking information. We asked about whether they had any accident data, were there any public meetings maybe that had happened, engagement around those crossings. Then we also talked with the railroads about some of their information, this is part of a large spreadsheet. So, for those crossings that may need smaller items versus grade separations or closures or like we said, gate arms, constant warning, all of those are safety measures that should exist at active crossings and so they are a part of that list, and the unfunded needs list will be one that hopefully we can pull from to move those projects to active status for those entities that will be applying. But it was an opportunity to kind of get a dump, if you will, from all of the areas and to also have them think

about what is a priority for them if they have not thought about rail and rail issues for their counties. So, yes.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Wonderful. Are there any questions from any of the directors about anything going on with HART? So, I do see a question as to whether THE HART meeting is open to the public. I will say this, I mean, it's a public agency so you wouldn't want to say anything is not open to the public, but I think that public attending HART meeting might not fully... I wouldn't want anyone to walk out of a HART meeting thinking anything was a decision. I mean, these are meetings for discussion where we are just honestly figuring many things out, so I don't think that it's the time that we really want public engagement because honestly, we are still figuring a number of things out with THE HART, a lot of conversations about how we're actually going to proceed. So, I think that it might just be a little misleading, honestly, at this point.

Okay, so the next item on the agenda is announcements by the Chair. US 90A is here so we are continuing to monitor and look forward to beginning that as soon as 2024 is started. I think I may have mentioned before that the name is US 90A, but Director Owen and his participation along with Director Ross in the Passenger Transit Committee have encouraged looking at the Fort Bend Toll Road right of way as part of this analysis. It is going to be included, and I talked to H-GAC about that, and they said they felt like they didn't want to change the name. So, the US 90A will still represent the corridor, but that other alignment option will definitely be there. So I wanted to make you aware of that.

And then the other thing is we made the decision back in the spring to hire a project manager. Director Ross and I think a couple other people went through some interviews and we did identify a person, so that contract will come to us next month. It's a part-time position, it's not full-time, but that person is going to be available to help with both THE HART and the passenger aspects of our particular mission and things we're trying to accomplish. So, look forward to that in December. At that point, we'll provide the information, and you will be able to see the person we're talking about. It's too early right now because we haven't signed anything. So, Director Parker is working on the contract right now. Let me pause and ask does anybody have any questions of anything that I've asked or circle back to Director Parker as well. Alright. If not, not our next meeting to schedule for Tuesday, December 12th. Ms. Patke presented for us a Happy Thanksgiving sign which is lovely and gets us in the mood for fall, which it kind of feels fall out there a little bit today. It looks fall, might not feel fall, but I think it's coming. And I love Thanksgiving dinner. Some people don't enjoy it as much, but I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and we'll look forward to seeing everyone on December 12th. If there's nothing else, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Director Allen Owen: Madam Chair, this is Director Owen. Let me just ask you briefly, is the 1093 study still going on as well?

Chairperson Carol Lewis: When you say 1093, are you talking about Westpark?

Director Allen Owen: Yes.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: So, that's an interesting question and I would say that we are unsure right now. So, let me put that on the agenda for December and we'll update everyone as to our conversation about that.

Director Allen Owen: Yes, good. Because the commissioner asked me about it last week.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Right. So, yes, we will talk about that at the next meeting. And maybe then we'll even know a little more than we know at this moment.

Director Allen Owen: Very good.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: I apologize. I did not see your hand.


Director Allen Owen: I raised it after the fact.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Okay, alright. Alright, is there anyone else? Alright. If not, we'd entertain a motion to adjourn. Go ahead.

Director Veronica Chapa Gorczynski: Motion to adjourn.

Chairperson Carol Lewis: Thank you. So, we've got Director Jones and Chapa Gorczynski, so we are adjourned. Thanks, everyone. (Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)

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