

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, AT 1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joan Gay, Chair, at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Joan Gay, Karl Kilduff, and Angus McDonald

Also in attendance:

Staff: Joe Comerford and Christina Denison

DEBRIEF OF MARCH LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

It was agreed that participation from State legislators was sparse, and the committee discussed how to attract more legislators to future meetings.

FUTURE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

A meeting is planned for mid-January 2024.

REVIEW OF 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Comerford reported:

- The general DOT bill, which includes language about bus shelters and affordability for individuals with disabilities passed.
- The Governor's proposal for the expansion on bus service also passed, and the District can expect to receive about \$700,000 annually. The funds are included in this year's budget.
- Changes were made to the Commuter Rail Council, which is now the CT Public Transportation Council, and will serve as an advisory council.

Comerford stated that this legislative session, the district needs to focus on:

- Continuing to support PHB6543 AAC (the Funding of Transit Districts in Urbanized Areas) which stops flat funding--capping funding for transit district services at FY24 levels beginning in FY25, and
- Continuing to seek support from legislators to propose a bill to extend the deadline to purchase electric buses.

Comerford noted he had the opportunity to speak with State Reps. Christine Cohen and Roland Lemar recently and expressed our concerns about these issues.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk