

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
DISADVANTAGED**

Martin County Board of County Commission Chambers  
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**Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.**

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB-TD) Public Workshop of September 12, 2022, was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Robert McPartlan, Vice Chair, Department of Children & Families Services  
Phyl Weaver, Representative for Persons over 60  
Michael Northcutt, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs  
Angel Young, Florida Division of Vocational Rehab  
Dalia Dillon, Department of Elder Affairs  
Michelle Miller, Representative for the Economically Disadvantaged (FACA)  
Marie Dorismond, Florida Department of Transportation  
Joe Azevedo, Martin County Career Center  
Ashman Beecher, Martin County Transit  
Milory Senate, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

**Excused Members:**

Kim Thorne, Representing Public Education Community

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Gayle McArdle, Representative for Persons with Disabilities  
Monique Coleman, Representative for Children At-Risk  
Mary Jo Pirone, Citizen's Advocate/Rider Rep

**Staff in Attendance:**

Beth Beltran, MPO Administrator  
Ricardo Vazquez, Senior Planner  
Joy Puerta, Planner  
Lucine Martens, Planner  
Alor Cadorna, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance:**

Chris Stephenson, Senior Resource Association  
Holly Seeton, Senior Resource Association

Robert Driscoll, St. Lucie Council on Aging  
Melody Hearn, Family Care Council, Area 15

**A quorum was present for the meeting.**

### **3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Melody Hearn from the Family Care Council, Area 15, came forward to give an overview about the Medicaid Waiver and how it is underfunded. As of now, they have 22,000 individuals on the waitlist and counting who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Medicaid Waiver is designed to give these individuals the right to have community services to live in their family home or in a group home. Melody Hearn also explained that Family Care Council will be having an Information Session on September 19, 2022, in Port St Lucie. She provided a promotional flyer for this event that will educate the community, providers, and families.

### **4. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Lucine Martens, Planner, explained that per Florida Statutes Chapter 427, LCB-TDs are required to hold an annual workshop. She introduced the annual public workshop to allow all interested citizens the opportunity to provide input.

No public comments.

#### **B. LCB-TD MEMBER TRAINING**

Lucine Martens explained that the CTD (Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged) requires the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA), Martin MPO to conduct an Annual Public Workshop. Lucine Martens conducted member training as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The training included Sunshine Law, code of ethics, and public records law.

Chris Stephenson came forward and clarified the income status percent of poverty level and eligibility criteria.

### **5. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Robert McPartlan inquired if there was any trouble filling the open seats for the board. Lucine Martens stated that by December 2022, when Martin County and the Local municipalities do their respective reorganization, an LCB-TD Chair will be appointed, who will be an local elected official.


6. ADJOURN 9:52 A.M.

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Merritt Matheson, Chair

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