

Joint Minutes of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the New York City Transit Authority, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, the Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the Long Island Rail Road Company, Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, MTA Construction and Development Company, the MTA Bus Company, Grand Central Madison Operating Company, and the First Mutual Transportation Assurance Company

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:00 AM

2 Broadway

New York, New York

The following Board Members were present:

Hon. Janno Lieber, Chair & CEO

Hon. Samuel Chu

Hon. Michael Fleischer

Hon. Daniel Garodnick

Hon. Marc Herbst

Hon. David Jones

Hon. Christopher Leathers

Hon. Blanca Lopez

Hon. Haeda B. Mihaltses

Hon. Melva M. Miller

Hon. James O'Donnell

Hon. Dr. John-Ross Rizzo

Hon. Edward Valente

Hon. Neal Zuckerman

The following alternate non-voting members were present:

Hon. Andrew Albert

Hon. Gerard Bringmann

Hon. Randolph Glucksman

The following Board Members were not present:

Hon. John Samuelsen

Hon. Lisa Sorin

Hon. David Mack

Paige Graves, General Counsel, John McCarthy, Chief of External Relations & Policy, Lisette Camilo, Chief Administrative Officer, Jai Patel, Chief Financial Officer, Anita Miller, Chief Labor and Employee Relations Officer, Justin Vonashek, Metro-North President, Robert Free,

LIRR President, Jamie Torres-Springer, MTA C&D President, Shanifah Rieara, Senior Advisor for Communications and Policy/Chief Customer Officer, Juliette Michaelson, Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning, Catherine Sheridan, TBTA President, Demetrius Crichlow, New York City Transit President also attended this meeting.

Chair Lieber called to order the April 2026 Board meeting.

A safety announcement was made.

1. PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

The MTA moderator announced the following public speakers who spoke, either virtually or in-person. The moderator reminded public speakers of the rules of conduct and the two-minute speaking limit.

The following public speakers commented (*live virtual comments):

Jesse Figueroa, Veterans Affairs

Debra Greif, private citizen

Alan Kukafka, private citizen

David Kupferberg, Passengers United

Jason Anthony, LIRR ADA Task Force

Cheri Petrarca*, private citizen

Lauren Schandevell*, Jobs to Move America

Rick Horan*, QueensLink

Lisa Daglian, PCAC

Monica Bartley, Disabled in Action

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds

Gian Pedulla, NYC Public Schools

Jean Ryan, Disabled in Action

Sayed Hussain*, TWU Local 100

Andy Pollack*, Passengers United

Miriam Fisher*, In

Vittorio Bugatti*, Express Bus Advocacy Group

Yuki Endo*, Passengers United

Gilman Laing, LIRR Bargaining Coalition

Iris Kelly, Disabled in Action

Constance Lesold, Eastern Parkway Environmental Alliance

Christopher Greif, NYCTRC & ACTA LIRR ADA Task Force

Refer to the video recording of the meeting produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records for the details.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to convene an executive session in accordance with Section 105(1)(f) of the New York State Public Officers Law to discuss matters relating to labor agreements. Upon motion duly made and seconded during executive session, the Board voted affirmatively on two labor agreements between the MTA and two labor organizations. Thereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to resume proceedings in public session.

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS.

Chair Lieber thanked members of the public who spoke.

General Counsel Paige Graves confirmed a quorum of members were present at the meeting.

Chair Lieber stated that in executive session, the Board voted affirmatively and approved two labor agreements between the MTA and two labor organizations.

Chair Lieber noted that all eyes turn to Albany at this time of year, when state budget negotiations are ongoing and the MTA always has a lot at stake in these sessions. However, he clarified that this year the MTA does not have a major financial risk or a financial ask of the legislature. He outlined key issues being debated that the MTA is invested in, including a package of toll enforcement powers that the MTA needs to upgrade our work to combat consistent toll violators. He also voiced support for Governor Hochul's auto insurance proposals.

Chair Lieber noted items that will shape the MTA's July Financial Plan: the still-to-be-finalized New York State Budget and ongoing labor negotiations. He introduced a special presentation that would follow and be presented by Jai Patel, Chief Financial Officer, and Shanifah Rieara, Senior Advisor for Communications and Policy/Chief Customer Officer. Their presentation would provide an update on the financial consequences of a potential strike to the MTA budget and to the public, and the contingency planning that is going on. Chair Lieber said this presentation is important for the MTA Board, who have fiduciary responsibility to the MTA.

Chair Lieber reported another funding-related update: restoration of funding for Second Avenue Subway Phase 2 by the federal government. He also shared that there was a Second Avenue Subway hiring fair that had high turnout with residents of East Harlem showing strong interest in jobs at the MTA and construction apprenticeship opportunities. He acknowledged the work of Jamie Torres-Springer, MTA C&D President.

Chair Lieber acknowledged the next phase of Interborough Express (IBX) outreach, which is advancing quickly with another six community workshops. Full details of those events are available on the MTA website.

Other topics Chair Lieber discussed included soliciting feedback in Jamaica to help guide the Governor's proposed renovation of the Jamaica multi-modal terminal and the Customers Count spring survey, which is underway through the first week of May.

3. PRESENTATION ON REDUCED COLLISIONS ON BRIDGES & TUNNELS.

Cathy Sheridan, TBTA President, provided a special presentation on the reduction of collisions by more than 60 percent from a peak in 2019 using three key mechanisms: engineering, enforcement, and education.

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4. PRESENTATION ON FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF A POTENTIAL LIRR STRIKE AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

Jai Patel, MTA Chief Financial Officer, provided a special presentation on the financial consequences of a potential LIRR strike, specifically the financial implications on the MTA budget, as well as the state budget. Shanifah Rieara presented contingency plans in the event of a LIRR strike to provide alternative transportation options for customers from Long Island.

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5. MINUTES.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 25, 2026, as distributed.

6. TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following item.

- a. M & J Engineering PC – Bridge Preservation at the Bronx Whitestone Bridge and Throgs Neck Bridge - Contract No. PSC-25-3079. Approved a competitively solicited personal service contract to M & J Engineering PC ("M&J"), a NYS certified minority-owned business, for construction management and inspection services for a bridge preservation project located at the Bronx Whitestone Bridge and the Throgs Neck Bridge, in the amount of \$4,262,875 and a duration of 52 months.

Refer to the staff summary and documentation filed with the records of this meeting, and the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records for details on the approved item.

7. JOINT LONG ISLAND RAILROAD AND METRO-NORTH RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

a. Metro-North

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following item:

1. eLock Technologies LLC – Secure Bike Parking Pilot – Contract No. 80000000000241. Approved modification of the miscellaneous procurement contract awarded to eLock Technologies LLC “eLock” in order to add four suburban commuter rail stations.

b. Long Island Rail Road

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following item:

1. Xorail, Inc. – Positive Train Control Technical Agreement. Approved the award of a five-year noncompetitive purchases and public works contract for a Positive Train Control Technical Service Agreement to Xorail, Inc. in the estimated value of \$36,456,013.

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8. NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT COMMITTEE.

The New York City Transit Committee did not have any items for Board approval.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Board Member Garodnick reported that the Capital Program Committee recommends three procurement actions for a proposed expenditure of \$25.6 million dollars.

- a. EXP-Urbahn Joint Venture – Design Services for Three Line Bundles: Queens Boulevard, Grand Concourse, and Nostrand Avenue Lines – Contract No. D81760. Approved to award a publicly advertised and competitively solicited contract for preliminary design and engineering services. The Contract is in the not-to-exceed amount of \$21,502,283 for a duration of 23 months.
- b. East Harlem Community Collaborators JV – Continuation of Community Outreach Services in Support of Second Avenue Subway Phase 2 – Contract No. 16457-0100. Approved the modification, in the not-to-exceed amount of

\$2,399,281, to extend the Contract term by 14 months to October 31, 2026. The original contract was awarded on March 22, 2017, and it provides for community outreach services in support of the Second Avenue Subway (“SAS”) Phase II Project.

- c. Hitachi Rail GTS USA Inc. – R211 Carborne for the CBTC 8th Avenue Line – Contract No. S481013-2. Approved the ratification of a modification to implement several software upgrades to the carborne CBTC equipment for the R211 fleet so that it complies with the MTA’s updated CBTC Interoperability Interface Specification (“I2S”). Negotiations yielded a final lump sum cost of \$1,700,000.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve all three items.

Refer to the staff summaries and documentation filed with the records of this meeting for the details of these items, and refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for Board members’ and C&D representatives’ comments.

10. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

- a. **Transactional Real Estate Items.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the following real estate items.

- i. **Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

- 1) License with Web Food Products, Inc. for MTA Police Department vehicle parking at 143-19 94TH Avenue, Jamaica, NY

- ii. **MTA Metro-North Railroad**

- 1) Acquisition of property interests along Erskine Place in the Bronx from the City of New York in support of the Penn Station Access Project
- 2) Amendment to the license with Dover Greens LLC for commuter parking at the Harlem Valley-Wingdale Station

- iii. **MTA Grand Central Madison**

- 1) Lease with Beer Table LLC for retail space in the Grand Central Madison Concourse

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11. ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 A.M.