

Spokane Transit Authority  
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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Draft Minutes of the September 28, 2022, STA Special Board Meeting  
1230 W Boone Ave., Spokane, Washington  
*with a WebEx Video Conference Option*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Grover, Small Cities (Airway Heights) *Chair*  
Al French, Spokane County  
Josh Kerns, Spokane County  
Lori Kinnear, City of Spokane, *Chair Pro Tempore*  
Pamela Haley, City of Spokane Valley  
Zack Zappone, City of Spokane  
Tim Hattenburg, City of Spokane Valley

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karen Stratton, City of Spokane  
Betsy Wilkerson, City of Spokane  
Dan Sander, Small Cities Representative (Millwood)  
*Ex Officio*  
Veronica Messing, Small Cities (Cheney) *Ex Officio*  
Don Kennedy, Small Cities (Medical Lake) *Ex Officio*  
Dan Dunne, Small Cities (Liberty Lake), *Ex Officio*  
Rhonda Bowers, Labor Representative, *Non-Voting*

### **STAFF PRESENT**

E. Susan Meyer, Chief Executive Officer  
Karl Otterstrom, Chief Planning & Development Officer  
Monique Liard, Chief Financial Officer  
Nancy Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Carly Cortright, Chief Communications & Customer  
Service Officer  
Dana Infalt, Clerk of the Authority

### **PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL**

Megan Clark, Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert  
& Oreskovich, P.C.

### **STAFF ABSENT**

Brandon Rapez-Betty, Chief Operations Officer

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and introductions were made.  
A brief waiting period was experienced while legal counsel joined the meeting.

#### 2. **AMENDMENT TO TARIFF POLICY - APPROVAL**

Ms. Meyer explained the purpose of the special meeting was to make a minor amendment to the Tariff Policy previously approved by the Board on July 21, 2022, which incorporated a zero-fare policy for youth ages 18 and younger to be effective October 1, 2022. This change allowed STA access to transit support grant funding available under the Move Ahead Washington Transportation legislation approved by the legislature this year.

After STA submitted the updated Tariff policy to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and WSDOT identified an issue with language concerning children under the age of six that, in their view, would disqualify STA from receiving grant funding.

WSDOT advised staff they are satisfied the proposed language will meet the statutory requirements and ensure STA qualifies for the new Transit Support Grant. Staff view this minor amendment as consistent with the Board's original intent when Resolution 799-22 was adopted and propose to incorporate the original outreach and Title VI analysis from that policy adoption by reference in the attached resolution that will supersede the earlier action.

Ms. Liard shared the Recommendation from staff along with the updated Fare Table to include the updated wording (1) Children under age six ride free and must be accompanied by an adult, youth, student, reduced fare, or paratransit passenger. Ms. Liard also shared the new Resolution 801-22 that rescinded the 799-22 Resolution and incorporated the new language.

CM Zappone asked what the other agencies are doing regarding children under aged six. Ms. Meyer responded that STA thinks it best for a child under age 6 to travel with someone, but noted she had not checked with all other agencies.

Mr. Zappone also asked if using the Connect Card would be a requirement of the zero fare. Chair Grover said the Board policy was the implementation of the zero fare and reiterated that there will be additional discussion of the roll out of the new Connect Card program at the regular Committee and Board meetings. Ms. Meyer added that the policy approved by the Board includes free fares for youth ages 18 and under and implementation is not part of the policy.

Mr. French moved to adopt, by Resolution 801-22, the minor amendment to STA's Tariff Policy and Procedures for Fixed Route and Paratransit Fares for children under 6. Mr. Hattenburg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNED

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Infalt  
Clerk of the Authority