

**EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**100 E. Federal Street, Suite 1000**  
**Youngstown, Ohio 44503**  
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**MINUTES**

General Policy Board meeting held on July 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments office at 100 East Federal Street, Suite 1000, Youngstown, Ohio 44503

**Members Present** \*Alternate for voting member present

Darko; Ducro; Duffett\*Calhoun; Franklin\*Makosky; Ginnetti; Hanley; Harris; Mahoning County Commissioners\*DeAscentis; Mientkiewicz; Neiro; Pirko; Princic; Samulka; Smith\*Shaffer; Sicafuse; Stocker; Svette; Timonere; Trumbull County Commissioners\*Green; Waddell; Wollet; Woofter; Young

**Members Absent**

Augustein; Bennet; Brown; Harp; Hill; Iudiciani; Kozlowski; McIntosh; Moliterno; Jurko; Kale; Melfi; Phillips; Puckett; Salamone; Spencer; Mayor of Washingtonville; Whittington; Winchell

**Others Present**

Baker, Dawn – Congressman Bill Johnson’s office; Durbin, Bob – Mahoning County Engineers Office; Faulkner, Robert – Trumbull County Transit Board Member; Gerberry, Steven – Trumbull County Engineer’s office; Johnson, Lauren – Regional Chamber; Nelson, Charles – Nelson Development; Sarni, Kathy – NOACA; Simon, Jack - Trumbull County Engineer’s office; VanEpps, Daniel – Stark County Broadband Task Team

**Eastgate Staff Present**

Davis; Dyer; Esenwein; Gollner; Kinnick; Mondok; Pompeo; Reyes-Chapman; Rueberger, Luke; Sympson; Taylor; Zook; Zubyk

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**Call to Order**

Pat Ginnetti called the meeting to order after it was established that a quorum was present. He then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Pat Ginnetti entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the GPB meeting held on April 29, 2019. Motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Mark Winchell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Opening Remarks**

Pat Ginnetti thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and proceeded to the Committee Summary Reports.

**Committee Summary Reports**

**Technical Advisory Committee-** Gary Shaffer reported that Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in May, June and July. Some of the programs and topics discussed at these meetings include the following: the Fiscal Year 2020 Work Program and discussion on 2020 work products, the U.S. Census

boundary changes, 208 Plan Proposed Amendments, Lower Mahoning River Watershed Plans, the CMAQ Program, and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Reoccurring topics included Eastgate's Safety Plan, updates on Eastgate's Economic Development Program activities, and the ARC Program. GPB Resolutions reviewed and approved by the committee were: #023 through #026-2019. Intergovernmental Review Resolutions reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee were: #018-#022-2019.

Citizens Advisory Board – Randy Samulka reported that since the last General Policy Board meeting, the Citizens Advisory Board met in May, June, and July. In May, the CAB heard from Alysha Schall, a YSU graduate student and Eastgate intern, who presented information on the Eastgate Retrospective project that summarized and catalogued the history of the agency. In June, the CAB had a chance to provide feedback to the Eastgate Staff representative about changes that could be made to improve the function of the CAB. Some of the feedback included introductions of attendees at the meetings, creation of a new member orientation packet, topics for future presentations, among other ideas. In July, the CAB heard a presentation from WRTA Executive Director, Dean Harris. Mr. Harris provided information on the proposed changes that the agency is planning on implementing in the near future. The CAB discussed TAC items including District 6 Public Works, Appalachian Regional Commission, the Economic Development Program, the 2020 Census, Clean Ohio Program, Eastgate Planning Grant, Alternative Fuel Corridors, 2019 CMAQ Program, Lower Mahoning River Watershed Plans, 201 Facility Planning Areas, Safety Plan Update, the Belmont Avenue Corridor Plan, and the Congestion Management Process Final Report. The CAB approved all resolutions brought before the board over the last quarter.

Finance Executive Committee- Jim Kinnick discussed the current financial report and the financial status as of July 2019 as well as the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The report and budget were reviewed, and questions were answered at the Finance Executive Committee. He also summarized items discussed at the Finance Executive Committee meeting held that morning.

## **Business Meeting**

### **Executive Director Report**

Jim Kinnick thanked both the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Chair of the Citizens Advisory Board for their leadership, as well as those in attendance for their continued guidance and support of the programs and initiatives. Whitehouse Opportunity & Revitalization Council, the EDA Planner Position, and reported on the status of the following programs/efforts/grants Eastgate staff are currently involved with: the BUILD Grant, the Statewide Safety Initiative, a Mahoning River Update, the sidewalk initiative between Eastgate and local foundations, the GM Recovery Grant/Plan, and the National Association of Regional Councils award Eastgate was presented with in June for the regional and cooperative effort in receiving the USDOT BUILD Grant. Lastly, he provided a brief update on the Packard Conference Room and reception area renovations that are expected to be complete in August.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Lauren Johnson from the Regional Chamber who spoke on Opportunity Zones and the Whitehouse Opportunity & Revitalization Council's visit to the area which is scheduled for early August.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Stephanie Dyer, Eastgate Environmental Program Manager who presented a 208 Plan Video.

Lastly, Pat Ginnetti introduced Kathy Sarni from NOACA who gave a presentation on the Great Lakes Hyperloop System Cleveland to Chicago Corridor.

### **Resolutions for Passage**

GPB Resolution #023-2019

Resolution to modify the Brookfield 201 Facility Planning Area in accordance with the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan and Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Randy Samulka. Motion carried unanimously.

**GPB Resolution #024-2019**

Resolution recommending to the State of Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia and Ohio Development Services Agency to support funding for the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Local Development District pre-application priority of projects in Fiscal Year 2020 for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). A motion was made by J.P. Ducro. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion carried unanimously.

**GPB Resolution #026-2019**

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to increase funding for the MAH 170 Project and adjust funding for Hopkins Road Bridge. A motion was made by Jim Pirko. Seconded by Randy Samulka. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Discussion**

There were no items for open discussion.

**Adjournment**

Pat Ginnetti entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Aaron Young. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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General Policy Board Chairman

  
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Date Approved