

SUMMARY
BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (LCB)
REVIEW COMMITTEE
Monday, April 21, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 850
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Members

Charlotte Mather-Taylor
Shatara Piedrasanta
Milory Senat
Lisa VanVoorhis

Broward MPO Staff

Rebecca Schultz

Also Present

Paul Strobis, Paratransit Manager, Broward County Transit (BCT)
Nancy Weizman, Paratransit Program Administrator, Broward County Transit (BCT)

REGULAR ITEMS

(All Items Open for Public Comment)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Recognition of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Ms. Mather-Taylor, seconded by Ms. VanVoorhis, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Motion to Elect a Chair

Motion made by Ms. VanVoorhis, seconded by Ms. Mather-Taylor, to nominate Shatara Piedrasanta as Chair. In a voice vote, Ms. Piedrasanta was unanimously elected Chair.

4. Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEMS

1. MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE LCB APPROVE the LCB Bylaws

Rebecca Schultz of MPO Staff advised that the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Bylaws are reviewed annually. No changes were made aside from minor formatting details.

Motion made by Ms. VanVoorhis, seconded by Ms. Senat, to approve the LCB Bylaws. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

2. MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE LCB APPROVE the LCB Complaint & Grievance Procedures

Ms. Schultz explained that there were no verbiage changes to the LCB Complaint and Grievance procedures. The MPO is still awaiting information from the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD), which may provide changes in the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Ms. Mather-Taylor, seconded by Ms. Senat, to approve.

Broward County Transit (BCT) Paratransit Manager Paul Strobis explained that changes were made to Chapter 427 which require Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) to submit service-related complaints to the state. Ms. Schultz confirmed that no formal changes have been finalized thus far which would need to be added to the Complaint and Grievance procedures. She will review the procedures once more and will bring any prospective changes back to the full LCB meeting in May 2025.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE LCB APPROVE:

Mr. Strobis advised that the Transportation Options (TOPS) program continues to experience growth, noting that some of the qualitative figures, such as on-time performance, have not yet reached the desired level. BCT continues to work with its contractors to achieve these goals. Issues included staffing and turnover.

Mr. Strobis noted that the on-time performance of TOPS services continues to exceed the on-time performance percentage of fixed-route service. Areas of concern include possible state preemption of local living wage requirements, federal Executive Orders which could affect the visa status of drivers, and the lack of affordable housing in Broward County, all of which could potentially affect services.

A. The Community Transportation Coordinator's (CTC's) Performance Evaluation

Motion made by Ms. Senat, seconded by Ms. VanVoorhis, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

B. Broward County to Continue as the CTC

Motion made by Ms. VanVoorhis, seconded by Ms. Senat, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Member Comments

The Committee members discussed their experiences in speaking to TOPS users, which included positive responses from many regular riders who depend upon transportation services to support their quality of life.

Mr. Strobis stated that in addition to door-to-door TOPS service, the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program also provides nearly \$24,000 worth of bus passes each year to individuals and households earning low incomes and cannot afford the regular costs of public transit.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2025