

Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) Meeting

Draft Minutes, July 23, 2026

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC *	x
Natalie Oschrein, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, PATH and TJPDC	
Sally Duncan, Albemarle *	x	Taylor Lowery, TJPDC	x
Mike Pruitt, Albemarle	x	Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x
		Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Grant Sparks, DRPT *	x	Katy Miller, DRPT *	x
		James Freas, City of Charlottesville	
		Garland Williams, CAT	
		Scott Silsdorf, UTS	x
		Mike Murphy, Jaunt	x
		Zoë Macomber, CAT	x
		Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x
		Jennifer DeBruhl, RK&K	x
		Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle *	x
		Stacy Beverly, UTS	
		Sean Tubbs	
		Jason Espie, Jaunt *	x
		Avery Daugherty, DRPT *	x

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Natalie Oschrein called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

Natalie Oschrein announced that July is an eBike subsidy sign up month for the City and encouraged folks to share that information with people they may know who might like to apply.

Sally Duncan said she was participating remotely because of sickness.

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to allow Sally Duncan to participate remotely. Jen Fleisher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA (MINUTE 3:02)

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Jen Fleisher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 3:12)

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve both the May 28 and June 5 2026, meeting minutes. Jen Fleisher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lowery noted that there will be a special CARTA Board meeting in August. She presented several options, and the Board decided on Monday, August 24 from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. It will be an all-virtual meeting. Ms. Lowery said she would send out a meeting invitation.

4. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 5:44)

None.

5. VIRGINIA BREEZE UPDATE, NEW ROUTE (MINUTE 6:15)

Avery Daugherty, DRPT, presented an overview of the Virginia Breeze, who operates the buses, why it was created, and why it matters to Virginia. He continued by sharing how the Virginia Breeze has grown since 2017 including ridership. He shared the demographics of the riders and the major destinations it serves. He continued by sharing the routes Virginia Breeze offers.

For additional information and to buy tickets, visit virginiabreeze.org.

There was a question-and-answer session after the presentation.

6. DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DISCUSSION (MINUTE 38:57)

Jennifer DeBruhl, RK&K, gave a project overview. She shared their illustrative implementation strategy. She shared their implementation strategy and offered three items for discussion at the meeting.

She continued with different tiers of funding options and key definitions. She shared base and blended scenarios for the Board to consider. There was a great deal of discussion about the scenarios.

She presented the next steps for the implementation strategy. She said the plan is to come back on August 24 with a draft implementation strategy for CARTA's board review.

7. CHAPEL HILL TRIP UPDATE & DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:27:22)

Christine Jacobs gave an overview on her Chapel Hill Transit visit and included the fleet information, the partners committee structure, their FY25-26 budget overview, and their North-South Bus Rapid Transit (NSBRT) service. For additional information, visit chtransit.org. Scott Silsdorf said that Brian Litchfield, Director, noted they had an issue with one of their BEBs catching fire. Ms. Oschrein noted that they said they work on 18-24 bus stops a year. Ms. Oschrein said they are coming to visit at the end of September and suggestions on what to do while they are visiting should be sent to Ms. Jacobs. Ms. Oschrein suggested the guests get a free code to use the scooters while they are visiting.

8. TRANSIT AGENCY REMARKS (MINUTE 1:42:47)

UTS

Scott Silsdorf said there is a two-day student orientation currently ongoing. He said this is the first year where new students are not allowed to bring cars to Grounds. This is a great opportunity to teach them how to ride transit. He shared the brochure they are using to promote all of the transit options available to them. He shared the new bus stop sign artwork.

CAT

Garland Williams was not present, so no report was given.

Jaunt

Mr. Murphy physically left the meeting at 6:31. He gave comments to Taylor Lowery to share with the Board. They are as follows:

Thanks to demonstration grants we look forward to adding midday service to and from Fluvanna and Louisa for FY27 & 28.

Similarly, we will be scoping and adding a Greene Connect service during FY27.

Look out for a save the date for a late afternoon Jaunt celebration on September 30th.

Our micro transit and scheduling software pilot continues to be successful operationally and we are working with our vendor (VIA) to refine reporting options.

The RFP for our migration to a new 4-year contract for scheduling software has closed and we hope to select a vendor in the next 90 days. This will allow on demand service eventually in our entire service footprint.

It is our intent to participate in fixed route software selection with CAT later in 2026.”

9. ADJOURN

Ms. Oschrein adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.