

CASTA Fall 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

October, 2, 2018 3-6 pm
The Boardroom, Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO

David Averill called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Sarah Dodson, Craig Blewitt, Dawn Block, Joyce Rihanek, Scott Truex, David Averill, Hank Braaksma, David Krutsinger, Comer Hobbs, and Ann Rajewski

1. Outstanding Action Items from Previous Meetings

a. Review and approve minutes from June 7, 2018 – Hank moved and Craig seconded ***a motion to approve the minutes as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

b. Information on Spring and Fall Conference costs/fees-staff requests that the Board allow us to put together the cost analysis for the Winter Board meeting. This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Ann updated the Board on attendance of the fall conference and the process of running the fall conference as part of the RIBTC conference.

c. Teller and El Paso Study Update - Craig Blewitt - A state law was passed in 2017 directing a study be done of Teller and El Paso Counties on how to use technology to improve transportation for people with disabilities. Craig passed out an executive summary with the findings and recommendations of the studies for Teller and El Paso Counties with implications statewide. There was discussion regarding the study, the lack of response from the legislature, recommendations that could provide solutions for meeting gaps in needs, and Craig reported on several successful outcomes. There was also discussion regarding possible action items depending upon the outcome of the ballot question (Proposition 110).

2. Decision Items

a. Pick a Date for the Winter Board Meeting/Retreat

There was discussion regarding possible dates and agenda items for the meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting in Denver at noon on January 3, 2019. The group decided that this year the board will meet from 12 pm-6:30 pm for strategic planning and a board meeting and that a second day of meetings was not necessary.

3. Updates

a. **Proposition 110, Let's Go Colorado!**

Ann updated the board on CASTA's work for the proposition. She has working to get the word out about the campaign. She held a webinar on September 18 for CASTA members and continues to work with individual members to collect information and connect members to resources so they can spread the word in their communities. CASTA also created a new page on the website to direct people to resources for information. Ann has presented to the Colorado

Senior Lobby and participated in a presentation to the Denver City Council and undertaken lots of other activities in support of the proposition. There was discussion regarding other outreach, multimodal projects, and the fact that this gave CASTA an opportunity to talk to various groups about transit and multimodal issues in the state.

b. CDOT Division of Transit and Rail - David Krutsinger

David updated the board on the restructuring of the DTR driven in part by the pressure on the planning unit having too much to do beyond planning. There was discussion regarding transparency during decision making for the granting process, review of decisions, use of the TRAC and CASTA for input on criteria, and various roles and responsibilities. David updated the board on the review of CDOT by the FTA. The review was much better than the previous ones. David reported that there will be a revised state management plan, the state transit plan will be kicking off in the next few months, there will be a review of the 5310 program similar to the 5311 review to ensure equity, and that the DTR is working to get the several sources of capital funds out to grantees. He also updated the group on the progress of Bustang/Outrider.

c. Safety Grant

Ann reported that CASTA was asked to partner with Renee St. Andre on putting together a statewide proposal for funding for advertising with the goal of getting more senior and teen ridership. CASTA co-hosted a webinar and put several notices of the opportunity in our e-newsletter but she did not get much response. Despite the lack of agency response Renee was on a panel at the spring conference.

d. LCC Project

Ann reported that we have been working with three LCC's with very different needs. Ted Schwitzer is heading up the LCC in Teller County. The group seems to be making good progress and hasn't needed to access any technical assistance funding yet. Stephanie Gonzales of (SECED) Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. is heading up a brand new LCC in Southeast Colorado. Susan Juergensmeier is working with Stephanie to help her get her arms around the possibilities and how to develop the advocates necessary for success. Hew Hallock is pulling together a new LCC in the San Luis Valley. We have him working closely with FHU to pull the group together and determine which needs are most important to the community and to develop a work plan from there.

e. CASTA Staff Transition Update

Ann reported that Ariane has given her notice and will be leaving CASTA in mid-October. Joey has been promoted to fill Ariane's position. The plan is to start taking Joey to some policy meetings and help him develop a good understanding of transit policy in Colorado and then promote him to Assistant Director of CASTA. Joey has some experience working in a state level policy office so it will be a good fit for him. She has also hired Ivy, who has been an intern for CASTA for 5 events/conference in the past two years, to take Joey's position. Ivy is currently taking classes to finish up a Bachelor's degree in event management and will finish her program next May. She reported that despite quite a bit of transition, CASTA will be well staffed and ready to manage all of CASTA's work as we head into 2019.

f. Quarterly Financial Update

The 3rd Quarter Financial Update will be presented at the October CASTA Board Informational meeting.

David Averill asked the board to consider developing a new event for the conferences which would be a talent show. There was discussion and it was decided to send an email out to the membership to gauge interest.

Craig Blewitt asked about the possibility of getting groups of technical specialties communicating between each other. There was discussion regarding various technologies to make that happen.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Board Informational Meeting - 11/1/2018

Members in Attendance: Hank Braaksma, Scott Truex, Sarah Dodson, Sherry Ellebracht, Craig Blewitt, Joyce Rihanek, David Averill, and Comer Hobbs.

Dawn Block raised the motion to approve and adopt the CASTA Fall 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, Hank Braaksma second the motion. A vote was taken and tallied: 8 yea votes, 0 nea votes, 2 abstained (due to absence), passing the motion and adopting the minutes.