

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – January 20, 2026 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

**Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:**

Dean O'Connor, Todd Shafer, Matt Silanpaa, John Edwards, Connie Boesen, Paula Dierenfeld, Ben Champ, Bridget Carberry Montgomery, Russ Trimble and Joseph Jones

**Commissioners Absent:**

Angela Connolly

**Other Commissioners Present:**

Justin Hollinrake, Josh Mandelbaum

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Connie Boesen called the meeting to order at 12.01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Notice of the meeting was duly published.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Connie Boesen requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Todd Shafer and seconded by Dean O'Connor to approve January 20, 2026, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**5 - DART COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTION**

Paula Dierenfeld, Nominating Committee member, presented the proposed Officer slate in accordance with the substituted and restated DART 28E agreement that commenced on October 1, 2017, and the proposed Restated Bylaws. The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Commissioners Connolly (Chair), Dierenfeld and Shafer, nominated the following Commissioners as officers starting immediately through the end of calendar year 2026: Chair – Connie Boesen, Vice Chair – Bridget Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer – Joseph Jones, At-Large – Dean O'Connor and At-Large – Todd Schafer.

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Dean O'Connor to approve the slate of Officers as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

9A - Commission Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2025

9B - Pleasant Hill Withdrawal Approval

9C - Bondurant Withdrawal Approval

9D - IT Network Hardware Modernization Approval

9E - Federal Lobbying Services Contract Extension Approval

9F - Bus Stop Signs Contract Approval

9G - Phase II Operations and Maintenance Facility Design Approval

9H - November Consolidated Financials

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Todd Shafer to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION**

10A – 2026 State Legislative Priorities Approval

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Dean O'Connor to approve the 2026 State Legislative Priority to “maintain existing transit funding and/or diversify transit funding”, giving staff authority, with guidance from the DART Executive Committee, to advocate for these and any additional legislative needs that may arise. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

11A – Paratransit Service Area Analysis

11B – FY 2027 DART Budget Update

11C – Workforce Shuttle Update

**ADJOURN**

Chair Connie Boesen adjourned the meeting at 1.19 p.m.

**\*\*\*OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE NEXT DART COMMISSION MEETING DATE IS HEREBY PUBLISHED:**

**The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the March 3, 2026 Commission meeting will be offered as follows: (1) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting in person in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and (2) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such virtual meeting option are as follows:**

**<https://ridedart.zoom.us/j/89294429756?pwd=AT55WaGVolpZOpxsfos30AGdWa1H6U.1&from=addon>**

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