



Policy Board Meeting
May 15th, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

Mr. Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, called the meeting to order by officially confirming everyone present at the meeting. The following Policy Board members were present: (**Quorum = 51% = 6 committee members; must include at least three (3) elected officials**)

- 1) Mike Lipton – Hot Springs Metro Partnership
- 2) Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT
- 3) Hunter Lake - ARDOT
- 4) Pat McCabe – City of Hot Springs – Mayor
- 5) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Board Member
- 6) Darryl Mahoney – Garland County - Judge
- 7) Karl Lowry as proxy for Jack Fields – City of Fountain Lake – Mayor
- 8) Bruce Caverly – Hot Springs Village

Additionally, the following guests or non-voting members were present:

- a) Bob Pettey – HSVPOA – Governmental Affairs Committee
- b) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- c) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce – President

B. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **New Officer Elections** – Mr. Harris informed the board that it was time to elect new officers. After some discussion. Mike Lipton nominated Jeremy Brown to serve as Policy Board Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Darryl Mahoney. The item passed unanimously.
- 2) **Minutes – February 13th, 2025** – The committee was presented with the previous meeting minutes. Darryl Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Bruce Caverly. The item passed unanimously.
- 3) **2025 Public Participation Final** – Mr. Harris presented the final version of the Public Participation Plan (PPP). He mentioned this was the second reading and had underwent a federally required 45-day public comment period. After some discussion by the board, Darryl Mahoney made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Sunny Farmahan. The item passed unanimously.

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- 4) 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** - This item was presented by MPO Study Director, Mr. Harris. He mentioned that this was essentially the MPO's budget, and it was just announced that his grant would be fully funded for this year. After some discussion by board members about the federal funding situation, Darryl Mahoney made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Garcia and was passed unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Discussion** – Mr. Harris informed the board that it was time to review the needs list of projects set to be adopted into the new DRAFT of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). After some discussion regarding various projects, a list was provided that was all encompassing. Mr. Harris mentioned how he would work on coming up with project cost estimates for all the projects on the list throughout the summer and would look to discuss all these changes and more, when the DRAFT goes live in August.

D. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

E. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made and/or recorded.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.