



HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB)

Thursday, February 13, 2025

ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) held its Annual Public Workshop on February 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hernando County Building Training Facility, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, Florida. The meeting was advertised in the Hernando Sun newspaper, on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website and the Hernando County website. The agenda was available on the Hernando/Citrus MPO website.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gretchen Samter, Vice Chair, Person with a Disability
Michelle Sikavitsas, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Sam Kinard, Representative from the Public Educational Community
Kevin Bargerstock, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Blind Services
Robert Werts, Alternate, Veterans Service Representative
Gerry Whitted, Citizen Advocate – Transit User as Primary Means
Melissa Arceneaux, Citizen Advocate
Darlene Lollie, Public Transit System
Casey Ladd, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Riley Larsen, Florida Department of Health Care Administration
Jose Infante, Regional Workforce Development Board
Jeannette Estes, State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Allocco, Chair, Hernando County Board of County Commissioner
Shanika Figueroa Rodriguez, Local Representative for Children at Risk
Elizabeth Alacci, Florida Department of Children and Family Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Elwin, MPO Coordinator
Joy Turner, MPO Executive Assistant
Jeff Cottrell, You Thrive, Community Transportation Coordinator
Dave Newell, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7
Maria DeJesus, Florida Department of Transportation, District 7

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Vice Chair Samter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and the introductions of Board, staff, and attendees followed the Invocation.
- A quorum was declared, and the affidavit of publication was read into the record.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Arceneaux to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larsen and the motion passed 12-0.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Agency on the Services Provided by You Thrive Florida.

Jeff Cottrell, Director of Transportation, made a presentation on the mission of You Thrive Florida and summarized the many programs offered by You Thrive: Early Learning, Early Head Start, Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK), Head Start, School Readiness, Senior Services, Children's Advocacy Center, Paratransit, House to Home, Weatherization, Family Self-Sufficiency and Continuing Education,

Energy Assistance, and Emergency/Support Services. Ms. Elwin stated that the presentation would be available on the MPO website at www.HernandoCitrusMPO.us.

The Board members thanked Mr. Cottrell as some members mentioned they were unaware of all the services You Thrive Florida provides.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - There were no citizen comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – There were no further Board member comments.

MPO STAFF COMMENTS – There were no MPO staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) immediately followed the Annual Public Workshop.

Vice Chair Samter adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.