

1. **Call to Order**

A. **Meeting Called to Order**

Acting Chairman Sloma called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

B. **Special Business**

A copy of the Special Meeting Notice dated November 4, 2011 and signed by Henry M. Sloma, Acting Chairman, is attached. Said notice contained an agenda for the Special Meeting. A vote was taken on one item: Adopt staff recommendations, which included fare increases, service cuts and layoffs, in order that a proposed budget be presented to the Board at the November 28, 2011 board meeting.

Kimberley Minkel presented the Board with efficiencies and cuts that would reduce the deficit by \$7.7M, including the elimination of 50 positions.

Debbie Leous then presented a detailed FYE 13 Budget Process flow chart, which further detailed the efficiencies and cuts.

Tom George discussed the \$6.0M Deficit Service Plan, Darien Lake and Buffalo Bills Service, Free Fare Zone and the On-Line Customer Survey.

Kim Minkel recommended the Board direct staff to develop a budget based on a fare increase of approximately \$5.6M and subsequent service reductions to balance the budget. Commissioner Zemsky moved to adopt staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Demakos.

After discussion, initiated by Commissioner Helfer, the fare increase details were identified as \$2.00 for base fare, \$5.00 for day pass and \$73.00 for monthly pass. Acting Chairman Sloma subsequently requested Commissioner Zemsky make a motion to amend the initial motion on the table to reflect the details of the proposed fare structure. The motion to amend was seconded by Commissioner Demakos. The motion to amend the initial motion passed through a roll call vote conducted by Acting Chairman Sloma at the request of Commissioner Eagan as follows:

AYES: DEMAKOS, LEWIN, ZEMSKY, PERRY, SLOMA

NOES: CROCE, HELFER, GRANTO, EAGAN

General Counsel then requested the initial motion as amended, moved by Commissioner Zemsky and seconded by Commissioner Demakos, be voted on. That initial motion as amended passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: DEMAKOS, LEWIN, ZEMSKY, PERRY, SLOMA

NOES: CROCE, HELFER, GRANTO, EAGAN

Acting Chairman Sloma then requested staff to formulate a budget based on these recommendations.

Commissioner Granto moved to direct staff to implement the cuts they anticipate in next year's budget into this year's remaining budget. Commissioner Helfer seconded the motion but a vote was not held. At the request of Commissioner Eagan, the Board moved to consider convening an Executive Session to further discuss specific personnel cuts.

2. **Executive Session**

After discussion about the requirements for calling an executive session and the permissible subject matter of an executive session, at approximately 11:00 a.m., it was moved by Commissioner Eagan, seconded by Commissioner Helfer, that the Board convene in executive session to discuss specific personnel cuts.

AYES: SLOMA, DEMAKOS, LEWIN, CROCE, EAGAN, GRANTO, HELFER,
 PERRY, ZEMSKY

NOES: NONE

At approximately 11:35 a.m. it was unanimously moved and approved that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board resume the open meeting

3. **Adjournment**

At approximately 11:35 a.m. Acting Chairman Sloma indicated that there was no further business coming before the Board, whereupon it was moved by Commissioner Granto, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, and unanimously approved that the Special Meeting of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority be adjourned.

AYES: SLOMA, DEMAKOS, LEWIN, CROCE, EAGAN, GRANTO, HELFER,
 PERRY, ZEMSKY

NOES: NONE