



**City of Gainesville**  
**Regional Transit System Advisory Board Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**November 19, 2025, 5:45 p.m.**  
**Regional Transit System, Administration Building**  
**34 SE 13th Road**  
**Gainesville, FL**

Members Present: Christy Haven, Michael Lim, Mike Loizzo,  
Oscar Santiago Perez, Dennis  
Underwood

Members Absent: Sarah Erekson, Adriel Genao, Logan  
Ladnyk, Harrison Scoville, Casey Werner

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting recalled to order at 5:53 pm

**B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by** Dennis Underwood

**Seconded by** Michael Lim

**Motion:** The Regional Transit System Advisory Board adopt the agenda.

Approved

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from September 24, 2025**

**Moved by** Michael Lim

**Seconded by** Mike Loizzo

**Motion:** The Regional Transit System Advisory Board approve the minutes from the September 24, 2025, regular meeting.

Approved

**D. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. 2025-894 Spring 2026 Service Changes (B)**

Krys Ochia, Transit Planning Manager, gave a brief presentation on the minor RTS service changes projected for Spring 2026. (see handout)

**2. 2025-895 Election of Officers (NB)**

**For Chairperson - Oscar Santiago Perez**

**Moved by** Dennis Underwood

**Seconded by** Michael Lim

Approved

**For Vice Chairperson - Michael Lim**

**Moved by** Mike Loizzo

**Seconded by** Dennis Underwood

Approved

**3. 2025-896 Staff Updates (B)**

**ADA:** Interviewing for paratransit drivers; readying to start operations in January 2026, although official start scheduled for March

**Marketing:** posting route changes at all bus stops

**Customer Service:** total, actionable complaints are down; hiring more personnel; working with Operations to scale-up customer service for paratransit beginning in January; re-staffing the Butler Plaza station starting on January 5; working to refine software and offer push notifications to subscribers as well as analyze incoming data from Bus Stop Assistant

**Grants:** continuing to seek and apply for grants; Maintenance wants four (4) smaller vans with 4 seats and room for a wheelchair passenger because the smaller vehicles are better equipped to reach people in rural areas and are more efficient to maintain.

**Operations:** there are 124 fixed route operators currently; interviewing, hiring and training more operators for both fixed route and paratransit

**Planning:** Ridership Data Report (see handout)

**Director's Report:** \$1.4 million to complete ADA constructions on all bus stops; start construction on east side transfer station in 2026; still looking for appropriate 2-acre site for west side transfer station; start construction of solar canopy over employee parking lot in 2026

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The person who submitted the online comment also shared in person that many buses are full now and passing people waiting at bus stops. A general discussion ensued about service, funding for routes, and the capability of the app to notify riders about full buses and next, incoming buses.

*Monday, November 17, 2025, 11:25 AM*

*"My name is Tessa Jones, and i'm a Gainesville resident and UF student. RTS is how students and workers in Gainesville get to class, jobs, and essential services. Please prioritize reliable, frequent service, especially at night, and protect key east–west and north–south connections. Don't cut off the communities that rely on RTS the most. Mobility is a right; please ensure the Spring 2026 routes reflect that. Thank you."*

**F. MEMBER COMMENT**

Mike Loizzo asked about other types of buses available. Francis Donahue, RTS Grant Specialist, noted that most of our grants specify we purchase American-made models; currently RTS purchases Gillig buses manufactured in California. A brief discussion ensued about other types of buses used in urban areas.

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 5:45 pm

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.