Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 26, 2026

Present:
Members: Vicky Robrock, Dawn Alam, Susan Bethel, Lisa Stone
Ex-Officio: Brock Grenis
Others: Angie Conard, Kelly Schneider, Emma Simmons
Absent:
Members: Doug Thompson, Jerri MacConnell, Marc Rahe, Oliver Weilein
Ex-Officio:
Others: Darian Nagle-Gamm, Madelyn Soen, Staci Humiston, Hannah Neal

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1. Call to order: 1:04
2. Open Discussion: None
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Moved by Kelly, 2nd by Susan
4. Chairperson's Report:
    a. Introductions:
5. Director's Report
    a. Ridership update: Slight decrease in ridership over the last couple of weeks. Normal, due to seasonal riders.
    b. Vehicle update: SEATS received four new buses in the last month. Two expansions from Coralville, one expansion from Iowa City and one replacement from Iowa City. SEATS will be getting eight more from Iowa City very soon. SEATS will also be keeping a couple of Iowa City buses as spares. The biggest battle right now is keeping the air conditioning running in the buses.
    c. Staffing update: A full-time driver position was posted. One of the full-time drivers is moving to a casual driver position. There is also a casual driving position open.
    d. Novus update: No major updates, system is working well. This system has reduced the need for scheduling staff by about one full-time position. Still working on payment solutions, county doesn't have enough resources to update our payment process.
    e. North Liberty Service Update: A two-year contract was signed with North Liberty – NOT paratransit service. It is "open to the public" and the hope is a more permanent solution. Service is still three times per day, 7 am, 11 am and 4pm starting July 1. North Liberty will pay an hourly rate and only one bus will be used for this service.
    f. Updated our inclement Weather Plan: Completed
    g. Updated our Safety Plan: No changes, just clarification.
    h. Any questions for SEATS?: None
6. Update from those in attendance: Marc Rahe is processing surveys.
7. Next meeting: August 25 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson County Admin. Bldg.
8. Motion to adjourn: Moved by Susan – 2nd by Vicky 1:24 p.m.