

# Jefferson Transit Authority Board

## Remote Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 4:30 pm

63 4 Corners Road, Port Townsend, WA

### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) Board Chair David Faber at 4:33 p.m. Other members present were Kate Dean, Greg Brotherton, Heidi Eisenhour, and Ben Thomas. A quorum was present.

### STAFF PRESENT

Finance Manager Sara Crouch, Fixed Route Operations Manager Nicole Gauthier, Facilities and Maintenance Manager John Bender, and Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Sj Peck.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda McMillian asked that the new General Manger have an understanding of the bus routes.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Discussion/Interviews re: General Manager Recruitment

David Faber opened this portion of the meeting. Candidates Nicole Gauthier and John Bender answered the following interview questions:

1. Why do you want to be the General Manager of Jefferson Transit?
2. What do you view as the purpose or purposes of transit in Jefferson County & what are our transit needs?
3. There are competing interests within Jefferson Transit that are regularly at odds with one-another. How would you address internal conflict when it arises?
4. What challenges do you expect to encounter over the next 6 months and how can you specifically address those challenges?
5. How would you operationalize Jefferson Transit's Long Term Plan (in the next six months and in the long-term)?
6. What do you see as Jefferson Transit's role with community partners and stakeholders, including local governments, major employers, community groups, and transit advocates?

**Executive Session for discussion regarding personnel per RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) at 5:08 pm and will return in 32 minutes at 5:40 pm with no action anticipated.**

**Returned from Executive Session at 5:40 pm with no action.**

The Authority Board thanked both candidates. Nicole Gauthier was offered the position.

**Motion: Kate Dean moved to approve negotiate hiring Nicole Gauthier as the interim General Manager. Heidi Eisenhour seconded.**


**Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 5-0 by voice vote.**

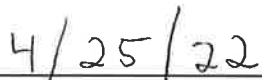
## PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Lee commented on the candidate choice.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 5:51 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:30 pm at 63 4 Corners Road, Port Townsend, WA.

  
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SJ Peck, Clerk of the Board

  
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