

# Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

## Minutes

November 25, 2025

### Present:

**Members:** Marc Rahe, Vicky Robrock, Dawn Alam

**Ex-Officio:** Brock Grenis

**Others:** Angie Conard, Kelly Schneider, Hannah Neal, Angela McConville

### Absent:

**Members:** Doug Thompson, Josh Moe, Jerri MacConnell, Susan Bethel, Lisa Stone

**Ex-Officio:**

**Others:** Darian Nagle-Gamm, Emma Simmons, Madelyn Soen, Staci Humiston

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1. Call to order: 1:05
2. Open Discussion: None
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Moved by Dawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky
4. Chairperson's Report:
  - a. Introductions:
5. Director's Report
  - a. Ridership update: No major changes. More North Liberty rides, 40% increase from last quarter. Riders are going to the new U of I hospital and Steindler.
  - b. Vehicle update: Coralville has two new buses on order. Iowa City plans to replace one and purchase one. IC also received a DOT grant for eight additional vehicles. This will make 10 replacements, making a total of 12 vehicles.
  - c. Staffing update: The casual driving position will be opened again. One full time and one casual position need to be filled.
  - d. Novus Update: No major updates. The new "On Time" performance report is now working.
  - e. Reasonable Modification Policy update: This is what is used if a rider is asking for accommodations. There are four reasons to deny a request. One request is Financial and SEAST was required to remove this one. Most of the requests are riders asking for drivers to cross the threshold or shovel their driveway. SEATS tries to work with the riders unless it's beyond something they can do to help.
  - f. Any questions for SEATS?: There was a question about the electric bus. The bus that was purchased by the county is used for "in town" trips because the battery doesn't last long enough for rural rides.
6. North Liberty Paratransit Update – Angela McConville, City of North Liberty: North Liberty is getting a lot of complaints about the bus only going there three times a day. North Liberty has their own assistance so it's not North Liberty riders needing these rides. North Liberty is ending its SEATS paratransit service through Coralville next year. They have run into barriers with funding. ECICOG, Coralville, and Iowa City buses can not be used for North Liberty service unless it's open to the public. They will need to get creative with contracting and are talking with SEATS. In the future, it would no longer be para-transit and would be open to the public. SEATS doesn't think this would create a large increase in ridership.
7. Updates: Hannah is updating PTP and will be asking for feedback after the first of the year.
8. Next meeting: February 24 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson County Admin. Bldg.
9. Motion to adjourn: Moved by Marc – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn 1:50p.m.