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**University of South Florida
Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)
Advisory Board Meeting**

Minutes

Tuesday June 11, 2019 1:30–3:30 PM

Center for Urban Transportation Research, Rosa Parks Room (143)
3808 USF Alumni Drive, Tampa, FL 33620

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

Advisory Board members and Designees (P = Present, T = Telephone, A = Absent)

	No.	Name	Title	Organization	Designee	
P	1	Kimberlee DeBosier	Director, Project Excellence	WGI, Inc.		EM 2003/07 1/17/11
A	2	Jean Duncan	Director of Transportation and Stormwater Services	City of Tampa		RB 2019 1/1/21
T	3	Sonny Holtzman	Principal	The Holtzman Group		SR 2012 6/12/16
A	4	Ram Kancharla	Vice President of Planning and Development	Port Tampa Bay		JB 2013 11/6/15
A	5	Ken Lawson	Executive Director	FDEO	Scott Rogers	Statute
P	6	Ysela Llort, Chair	Principal	Renaissance Planning Group		EM 2007 6/8/11
P	7	Jon Martz, Vice Chair	Director of Government and Public Affairs	Enterprise Holdings Company		JB 2014 2/2/18
P	8	Teresa Sarnoff	Member	FTC		Statute
P	9	Kevin J. Thibault	Secretary	FDOT	Tom Byron/ Ed Coven	Statute
A	10	Noah Valenstein	Secretary	FDEP	Chris Stahl	Statute
P	11	Joseph Waggoner	Executive Director	Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority		DH 2015 11/2/19
P	12	Thornton J. Williams	Managing Partner	Williams Law Group, P.A.		EM 2009 5/29/13
Ex Officio Member						
P	13	Lisa Bacot	Executive Director	Florida Public Transportation Association		RB 2019 1/1/21

- **CUTR participants:** S. Concas, P. Winters, L. Staes, K. Williams, K. Short, P. Lin, C. Lee, D. Hinebaugh, C. Van Allen, P. Lapaugh

- Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by outgoing Chair Williams.
- Approval of Minutes: Meeting of November 1, 2018
 - Motion was made (Sarnoff) and seconded (DeBosier) and minutes were approved unanimously.
- Seating of New Chair and Vice Chair
 - The new board chair Ysela Llort and vice chair Jon Martz were seated. Outgoing Chair Williams was recognized by the board, CUTR director, Dean Bishop and Secretary Thibault for his three years of service as chair.
- Welcome/COE updates-Dean Bishop
 - Dean Robert Bishop welcomed the advisory board and provided a brief update on the College of Engineering and USF. USF's new president will take office on July 1, 2019.
- Remarks from FDOT Secretary – Kevin Thibault
 - Board member Secretary Kevin J. Thibault provided a vision for FDOT that focuses on Governor DeSantis' priorities in safety, mobility, technology/partnerships and workforce development.
 - Secretary Thibault emphasized the importance of collaboration among all Florida universities.
 - He discussed the new multi-use corridors in rural areas of regional economic significance that are moving forward.
 - Secretary Thibault also discussed the demographics of FDOT Staff—with 6400 employees, they recently found that between 40-48% of staff at the district offices have less than 5 years' experience.
 - Thus, workforce development is a high priority—in fact FDOT may be turning to universities to support the development of master's program(s) as a means of educating the next generation in transportation management. CUTR looks forward to participating in this development.
- CUTR Showcase
 - CUTR faculty presented a [comprehensive showcase](#) of ongoing projects organized under FDOT's four priority areas: safety, mobility, technology/partnerships and workforce development. Students Brian Staes, Eren Yuksel and Saeid Soleimaniamiri presented as part of the showcase as well.
- CUTR Director's Report
 - CUTR Director Dr. Robert Bertini introduced Christina Van Allen, Communication + Marketing Officer and mentioned that Rob Gregg will be retiring at the end of the year and that a Valedictory Lecture and event has been planned for Thursday September 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM.
 - USF has been designated as a National University Transportation Center (UTC) to be known as the National Institute for Congestion Reduction (NICR).
 - The CUTR Achievement Awards Event will be held on Thursday November 7, 2019 on the USF campus in the Marshall Student Center. Ysela Llort has been selected as Florida Transportation Hall of Fame inductee.
- Chair's Comments
 - Chair Llort thanked the board members for the honor of being chosen as the chair. She thanked Dr. Bertini for sharing information about CUTR's ongoing research and suggested that research summaries become a standing topic on the agenda.
 - Chair Llort asked that CUTR draft a letter thanking Steve Polzin for his many years of service.
- Advisory Board Member Discussion/Updates
 - Jon Martz complimented and congratulated CUTR on the UTC success.
- Next Meeting will be a phone meeting sometime in the Summer of 2019
- Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM