



## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Marion County Commission Auditorium  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

**April 2, 2019**

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

#### **Members Present:**

Commissioner Kathy Bryant  
Commissioner Jeff Gold  
Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar  
Councilman Brent Malever  
Commissioner David Moore  
Commissioner Michelle Stone  
Commissioner Carl Zalak

#### **Members Not Present:**

Mayor Kent Guinn  
Councilman Justin Grabelle  
Commissioner Ronald Livsey  
Councilman Jay Musleh  
Councilwoman Mary Rich

#### **Others Present:**

Amanda Tart, Marion County Human Resources Director  
Mounir Bouyounes, Marion County Administrator  
Tye Chighizola, City of Ocala Growth Services Director  
Kellie Smith, FDOT

### **Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Hanchar called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM. Secretary Shakayla Pullings called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

### **Item 2. Proof of Publication**

Secretary Shakayla Pullings stated that the meeting had been published online on the TPO website and on the City of Ocala, Marion County, Belleview, and Dunnellon websites on March 27, 2019.

### **Item 3a. TPO Director Interviews**

Ms. Amanda Tart, Marion County Human Resources Director said that the board would be interviewing two candidates for the TPO Director position and the candidates were Robert Balmes and Derrick Harris. Each of the board members were provided a copy of each resume and application along with the interview questions provided by the Marion County HR department. The board decided that Chairwoman Hanchar would ask the interview questions while the other board members took notes for each candidate.

Ms. Stone asked if the question had been asked of each candidate if they would move inside of Marion County if selected for the TPO Director position.

The board was in consensus that the TPO Director should live within Marion County seeing that was the requirements for Marion County Directors and the TPO Director would be hired on under the Marion County policies and the question was added to the list of interview questions for each candidate.

Interviews of Mr. Balmes and then Mr. Harris were conducted.

*There was board discussion of each and with a five to two vote the job was extended to Mr. Balmes.*

Range of salary was discussed for the position and the board decided that the range would be from \$96,000 to \$106,000 for the TPO Director position.

There was board discussion of considering a future salary increase for Mr. Harris for the work he had done for the TPO to be discussed after the start of the new TPO Director.

Chairwoman Hanchar asked if Mr. Balmes did not accept the job offer would the job then be offered to Mr. Harris and the board decided that Mr. Harris would be offered the job if Mr. Balmes declined.

**Adjournment**

Chairwoman Hanchar adjourned the meeting at 2:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Shakayla Pullings, TPO Administrative Assistant