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**GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING
June 20, 2016**

**HELD AT SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
127 WASHINGTON AVENUE, NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

Attendance:

Directors: Dagmar Ridgway – *Branford* (arrived at 10:25 a.m.); Dan Kops – *Hamden*; Doug Hausladen (via telephone) – *New Haven*; Mary Bigelow – *North Branford*; Michael Freda – *North Haven* (arrived at 10:08 a.m. and departed at 11:40 a.m.); Paul Bauer – *West Haven* and Chris Lovejoy – *Woodbridge* (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)

GNHTD Administrative Staff: Kim Dunham, *Executive Director*

Guest: Michael J. Dorney, LeClair Ryan, GNHTD Legal Counsel

Call to Order: Chairperson Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. noting the presence of a quorum.

Discussion of GNHTD Foundation Status: Ms. Bigelow advised the group that she and Mr. Bauer had recently met with the Executive Director to discuss the status of the Foundation. She provided a high level overview of the Foundation for the benefit of those who were new members of the committees.

Mr. Dorney then reported to the group information he had received from a colleague (who had been instrumental in the original formation of the Foundation) with regard to the present options related to the Foundation. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of dissolving the entity versus allowing it to remain dormant. As to the donations that have been received to date, it was decided by the group that meetings should be held with the three major donors to bring them up to date on the status of the Foundation and to offer several alternatives of what could be done with the donated funds.

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GNHTD is a government agency established in 1973 under the provision of Connecticut Public Act 261, Chapter 103(a) for the purpose of operating and providing a variety of transportation programs and services

Ms. Dunham and Mr. Bauer will attempt to schedule meetings with the three donors over the next several weeks. Mr. Freda offered to facilitate one of the meetings, as he has an established relationship with the donor. Based on the outcome of those meetings, a report will be provided to the full Board of Directors at the July 20th board meeting.

Ms. Dunham was also asked to circulate email communication received from the District's auditors related to certain financial transactions that had occurred related to the Foundation.

Ms. Bigelow and Ms. Dunham provided the committee members with an update on the discussion that had occurred during the 9:00 a.m. Planning & Development Committee regarding Board Governance and the By-Laws. Mr. Hausladen, Ms. Ridgway and Mr. Freda had recently met to discuss the organizational structure of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and several ad hoc committees. There was general discussion of the By-Laws and it was noted that efforts would continue to assess these matters as well as review similar type entities' organizational structure. More information will be available at the upcoming July board meeting.

There being no further business brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. upon motion by Mr. Kops, seconding by Mr. Bauer and unanimous approval.