

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

W. Dudley Birmingham

Mr. Birmingham, now retired, served as town clerk of Wethersfield for 38 years. He is a former employee of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. He served with the 745th Railway Operating Battalion in India (CBI) during World War II. His interests lie with continuing the improvements to passenger and freight rail operations in Connecticut.

Linda M. Blair

Originally from Upstate New York, Linda M. Blair moved to New Haven by way of Atlanta, Georgia in 1989. She quickly became involved as an advocate for users of the Greater New Haven Transit District's Transportation for Disabled Persons Program and the CT Transit bus system. In 1991, she was appointed to the City of New Haven Commission on Disabilities, becoming chair in 1993, a position she still holds. In 1992, she was appointed to the Connecticut Citizen's Transportation Advisory Council (CTAC). Linda has also served as a board member and officer of several organizations including serving as president of the more than four thousand member Connecticut Union of Disability Action Groups for which public transportation is a primary issue. She has served on state and local legislative panels and was appointed to the Connecticut Public Transportation Commission in 1998.

Eric Bosch - Rail Commuter

Mr. Bosch has been a commuter on the Danbury and New Canaan Branches and the New Haven mainline for the last 27 years. He owns Airwick Professional Products, a janitorial supply company. His interest is in the needs of the rail commuter with an eye toward increasing the service. He resides in Wilton with his wife and two daughters.

Mark Bridges

Mark Bridges is an Executive Director with Warburg Dillon Reed, formerly Swiss Bank Corporation. He was a key member of the task force responsible for the relocation of the bank from New York to Stamford in 1997. Since that time, Mark has been actively supporting initiatives to alleviate traffic congestion on Interstate 95. He serves on the Board of Directors of Metro Pool, is an active member of the Southwest Area Commerce and Industry Association and serves on several regional committees studying state transportation issues.

Richard Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter is the former Executive Director of the South Western Regional Planning Agency, a position he held from 1966 until his retirement on March 31, 1999. In this position, he was involved in land use and transportation planning for that eight town region of one-third million population. Previous to being appointed to the CPTC, he was a member of the Governor's Railroad Advisory Task Force from 1974 to 1983, serving as its Chairman from 1974 to 1981. Mr. Carpenter's chief interest is the improvement of passenger and intermodal rail freight service. He currently serves on the East of the Hudson Rail Freight Operations Task Force as the invited representative of Congressman Jerrold Nadler of New York.

David Fink

Mr. Fink joined the Commission in January of 1998. He is the Executive Vice President of Guilford Rail System, New England's largest rail carrier.

Gwenn T. Fischer

Gwenn is a life-long resident of Prospect where she has been involved in her community over the years, serving on the Prospect Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce. She has also served on the Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau. Presently, she is president of the Central Connecticut Chambers Executive Directors Association.

Since July 1999, Gwenn has been the Executive Director of the Associated Chambers of the Metro Hartford Chamber of Commerce, overseeing chambers of commerce in eight towns in the Hartford area. She is keenly aware of the transportation concerns surrounding the capital city and has a strong sense of the issues in this area of the state as well as her home area of New Haven County.

Timothy Grandfield - Rail Labor Representative

Mr. Grandfield is the Director of Organization for the Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO. He is also the President of Local 2055, New Haven, Connecticut which represents members on Amtrak, Conrail and Metro-North. Tim resides in Madison.

N. Terry Hall

Mr. Hall, a retired large scale systems programmer, presently is tax collector for the Town of Goshen. Terry has served as a director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers for the last twelve years. This is supported by a lifetime interest in rail operations and in the intermodal aspect of transportation. He has extensive rail travel experience across the nation.

Morton N. Katz - Bus User

Attorney Morton N. Katz of Avon has been a consistent user of the Avon-Canton commuter bus to and from Hartford since its inception. His stop in Hartford is two blocks from Superior Court. He uses bus travel extensively to go to New York and New Jersey and the bus line to Springfield takes him to the bus terminal three blocks from the Amtrak station where he catches the North Shore Limited to Cleveland. He makes frequent trips via Amtrak through the Northeast Corridor to New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. He also serves as a Magistrate in a number of G.A. Courts and is a Justice of the Peace.

Yvonne A. Loteczka - Mobility Impaired Transit User

Ms. Loteczka is chair of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Task Force and a vice chairperson of the ADA Advisory Committee in Hartford. Yvonne was Co-chair of the Special Act 90-10 Elderly and Disabled Subcommittee. She also served on a subcommittee of the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities that compiled and completed the first Directory of Services for the Disabled for the town of Wethersfield.

Alice R. A. Pinsince - Transit District Representative

Alice Pinsince, a resident of the Town of Essex since 1973, has been an active participant in community activities. A past Selectman of Essex (1985-1987 and 1989-1991); she is a former commissioner of both the Inland Wetland and Conservation commissions, and has been president of the Cable TV Advisory Council of District V and a Justice of the Peace. Presently she is Vice Chairman of the Estuary Transit District and is a Town of Essex Sanitary Waste Commissioner. She has attended transportation conferences in Arizona, Missouri and New Mexico.

Russell St. John - Railroad Company Management

Mr. St. John is the former President of the Connecticut Central Railroad, now a part of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, a regional freight carrier for whom he acts as a consultant. Russ is intimately involved in the rail freight business in Connecticut. He has worked with several groups to preserve rail freight lines in this state. He currently represents Granby on the Board of Directors of the Greater Hartford Transit District, and has been interested in rail and bus commuter issues.

Robert Stalsburg, Jr. - Trucking Company Representative

Mr. Stalsburg is President of Stalsburg Express, Inc. an eighty year old family-owned and operated trucking firm in Deep River. Bob is intimately involved in the truck freight business in Connecticut, with hands-on knowledge of road and traffic conditions throughout the state. He also belongs to the Motor Transport Association of Connecticut. Bob resides in Old Saybrook with his wife and three children.

Richard Sunderhauf - Bus Labor Union Representative

Mr. Sunderhauf, appointed to the Commission in 1998, is an Executive Board Member of the Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL-CIO Local 425, which represents the bus operators and mechanics of Connecticut Transit. Richard is a bus operator for that company. He is particularly interested in seeing increased bus service in later hours and working for increased ridership on mass transportation. Richard resides in Rocky Hill with his wife Brenda.

Ex-Officio Members

Harry P. Harris

Mr. Harris represents Commissioner James Sullivan of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Harris is the Bureau Chief of the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Public Transportation.

Representative Jacqueline Cocco

Representative Cocco represents the 127th House District in Bridgeport and is a co-chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Senator Biagio 'Billy' Ciotto

Sen. Biagio 'Billy' Ciotto of Wethersfield represents the 9th Senatorial District and is the Senate Co-chair of the Transportation Committee. Ciotto's district covers Cromwell, Newington and Rocky Hill and parts of Wethersfield and Middletown.

John Radacsi

Mr. Radacsi represents Secretary Marc Ryan of the Office of Policy and Management. Mr. Radacsi is an Assistant Director who has previously served on the Connecticut Public Transportation Authority and the Governor's Railroad Advisory Task Force.

Frederick L. Riese

Mr. Riese represents Commissioner Arthur J. Rocque, Jr. of the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Riese is a Senior Environmental Analyst with the Office of Environmental Review. He has served on the Commission since its inception in 1984. He had previously served for five years on both the Connecticut Public Transportation Authority and the Governor's Railroad Advisory Task Force.