

AppalCART Board Member Opening

AppalCART, the public transportation system for Watauga County, Town of Boone and Appalachian State University, is seeking someone to fill a vacancy on the AppalCART Board for an “At Large” representative. The AppalCART Board ensures that AppalCART provides safe, adequate, and convenient transportation for Watauga County. The AppalCART Board oversees the operation of the paratransit and fixed route systems in Watauga County. The Board typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

Eight members comprise the board. Members of the AppalCART Board must be appointed by the Watauga County Commissioners. All members must reside within the territorial jurisdiction of AppalCART. The AppalCART Board has a wide variety of members representing various interests and occupations in the community.

Governing Board Overview

Category	Roles/Responsibility
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serves as the advisory body to AppalCART as lead agency in the operation of public transportation in Watauga County. Advises on all public transportation matters including proposed routes, service changes, ridership policies, fare structures, funding and budgets. <u>Recommends necessary changes to existing transportation rules and laws.</u>• Serves as a liaison between the public transportation system/authority and service area residents.• Works with local agencies, organizations and units of local government to maintain a coordinated and cost-effective approach to the delivery of transportation services. Monitors transportation services to the community to ensure an efficient operation.• Assists in formulation of an agency mission, vision, goals, objectives and strategies for shaping the future of public transportation system/authority.• Reviews public transportation services, projects and funding to ensure that they are being fairly and equitably distributed to residents of the community served. Provides advice and guidance on policies and programs. Recommends improvements.

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Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews specific planning proposals and provides comments with respect to concerns of various segments of the population in regards to their public transportation needs. • Contributes to the long-range planning of a comprehensive and viable public transportation system. • Participates in the development or update of Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) and statewide Local Coordinated Transportation plan (LCP). Best Practice: <u>[Do not “rubber stamp” a plan. Ask questions about things that warrant discussion.]</u> • Reviews various projects and issues related to coordinated public transportation and makes recommendations for better coordination. • Identifies unmet service needs. • Assists in prioritizing service area or underserved area needs.
Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends service improvements including proposed routes, service changes, ridership policies, and fare structures. • Assists public, private non-profit, and private agencies in providing transportation services to their clients. Coordination with other providers. • <u>Serves as Grievance Committee for passenger and service issues.</u>
Finance/Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises on public transportation financial matters including funding, budgets, fares, billing rates and methods. <p>Reviews and comments on proposed operating and capital budgets. Asks questions as necessary as to how funds are being spent.</p>
Oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors compliance with federal regulations and the status of deficiencies noted in any official federal, state or local review or report. • Evaluates the operational and financial performance of the public transportation system on a regular basis including detailed reviews of invoices, receipts and payments. • Success Planning, Scoring and the Implications • Immediately addresses concerns or issues.
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminates information and holds forums to solicit public input. • Participates in other community outreach efforts.
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves as a citizen’s advocacy group dedicated to improving and expanding the area’s public transportation system. • Promotes regional and statewide advocacy for alternative transportation modes and demand management strategies. • Assists in supporting and promoting the use of public transportation, and in locating, developing and obtaining funding.

If interested, please submit a Board application to Emily Beach at adminassistant@appalcart.com or mail it to:

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If you have any questions, you may email us at adminassistant@appalcart.com or call 828-297-1300 ext. 105.