

May 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes Ben Franklin Transit Citizens Advisory Network  
BFT Three Rivers Transit Center Building  
Meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Kreutz at 6:48 PM on May 18, 2026.

A. Present:

Dennis Kreutz, Frank Cuta, Bernie Vinther, Bill Barlow, Brooklyn Hustader, Erik Watkins, Laurie Price

Excused: Brandon Harbo

BFT Staff in attendance:

Pauline Escalera	CEO Representative
Kevin Sliger	Chief Planning and Development Officer
Gabe Martin	Planning Manager
Epideh Acici	Transit Planning
Eyvette Brown	Safety and Security

Preceding the CAN Meeting the CAN Members attended the annual Student Art On The Bus awards ceremony.

C. Old and New Business:

a. Recruitment Committee:

The CAN is submitting to the BFT Board the following 4 individuals for consideration for approval as members of the CAN by the BFT Board. This is only pending confirmation that they have not changed their mind.

Ariel Houck - new from Richland  
David Cortinas - new from Pasco  
Jocelyn Flores - new from Pasco  
Nayeli Aranda (former member)

b. RideCo software testing

This is the software being considered for automated scheduling and the processing of on demand ride requests.

Kevin Slyger requested that CAN members take part in the evaluation of this product.

c. We continued discussing the new safety/security measures being considered.

d. Dennis Kreutz questioned the functionality of certain elements of the camera system being evaluated. He pointed out that the camera trailers located at the transit centers actually provide very little coverage.

D. CAN Member Comments:

a. Dennis Kreutz has been requested by BFT Board Chair Bauman to report at the June BFT board meeting regarding the things that were noted during the CAN tour of the new DAR vehicle and point out some of the new design features that are beneficial to riders. Frank Cuta

cautioned about praising them too much before we have a chance to see the hardware actually being used.

G. The next BFT Board Meeting is on June 11 at 6:00 PM and Laurie Price will represent CAN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM

Minutes submitted by

Frank Cuta, secretary

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