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DART Commission recognizes new officers; outgoing and new members

A new slate of officers were welcomed into their leadership roles and outgoing and new members were also recognized at the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) Commission's regularly scheduled meeting July 12.

In June, DART Commission members voted in the following slate of officers:

- Chair – Steve Van Oort, a Polk County Supervisor and former Ankeny Mayor
- Vice Chair – Tom Gayman, Urbandale City Council member who represents Grimes, Johnston and Urbandale on the Commission
- Secretary/Treasurer – Steve Peterson, Windsor Heights City Council member who represents Clive, West Des Moines, and Windsor Heights

The Commission also welcomed new Commissioner Skip Moore, Des Moines Council member representing Des Moines and Pleasant Hill on the Commission. He takes the seat of Bob Mahaffey, who retired from the Des Moines City Council at the end of 2015. Mahaffey was recognized for his 10 years of service on the DART Commission.

A board of nine Commissioners governs DART. Two of the Commissioners are at-large representatives, appointed by the Polk County Supervisors. The seven remaining Commissioners represent specific districts, which are based on pairs of state house districts in Polk County; they are appointed by the mayors within that district and those appointments are approved by the city councils within that district. Many of the Commissioners are elected officials within their district, although that is not a requirement of the position. Terms are four years.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around Greater Des Moines easier and more convenient. For more information about services, schedules, route changes or directions to the nearest bus stop, visit ridedart.com or call [515-283-8100](tel:515-283-8100). The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime Transit app are now available at ridedart.com.

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