

Board of Directors' Governance Amtrak compared to Public-benefit Corporations in the U.S.

	National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)	Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)	Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)	Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)	United States Postal Service (USPS)	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
Industry	Passenger railroad	Public broadcasting	Public transit	Electric utility	Postal service	Public transit
Board webpage	Board of Directors	Board of Directors	MTA Transparency	Board of Directors	Board of Governors	Board of Directors
Bylaws	Not available	Governance	Bylaws (PDF)	Bylaws	Bylaws	Bylaws (PDF)
➤ Does the board meet in open session?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
➤ Does the board meet in executive (closed) session?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meeting transparency						
➤ Is there a published list of meeting dates?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
➤ Are meetings open to the public	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
➤ Are the meetings live streamed	No	Yes (audio)	Yes (video)	Yes (video)	Yes	Yes (video)
➤ Are meeting recordings publically available?	No [1]	Yes (audio)	Yes (video)	Yes (video)	Yes (audio)	Yes (video)
➤ Are public comments permitted?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Information transparency						
➤ Are meeting agendas publically available?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
➤ Are meeting minutes publically available?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
➤ Are other board materials publically available? [2]	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Overview

This chart compares the transparency of the Amtrak Board of Directors with the board of directors of six other entities that exist to serve the public interest.

Notes

[1] It is not known whether meetings of the Amtrak Board of Directors meetings are recorded.

[2] As example - presentation decks, committee reports, financial reports, and/or a copy of the "meeting book" which would include all of the material provided to a board member in advance of the meeting.

Further information

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