# Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board - Appointment Recommendations

Board	Members	Appointment Term
Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board	<b>Appointments (3)</b> William Agbakoba Jarret Esslinger Bryan Shepherd	May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020
	Reappointments (9) Jorge Arango Diaz Brian Curry Giselle General Isabell Hubert Charles Kelly Robert Macklon J. Phillip Reid Stewart Smith Maurice Vincent	May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

Below is a brief public introduction as provided by new Appointees:

### William Agbakoba

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William is a Management Consultant who located to Edmonton in 2010 from the US, where he worked and obtained an MBA from Case Western University. Originally from West Africa and an avid public transit user, he has continuously observed the opportunities and challenges abound in metropolitan transit systems on his foreign trips.

William's core areas of expertise are in Business Strategy and Process re-engineering which has led him to work on several transformational projects. With diplomas in Innovation, Organizational Change and Human Resource management, he hopes to leverage his professional and educational experiences to help position the Edmonton Transit system in line with global standards and provide unique rider experiences to Edmonton's Citizens.

#### Jarret Esslinger

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Jarret is a born and raised Albertan and has lived in Edmonton since 2010. He has a Bachelor of Management degree from the University of Lethbridge and his career has largely been focused on the climate change/environmental sustainability sector in addition to work with Indigenous communities. He has previously worked at the municipal and provincial government levels which has provided him with a broad perspective on the issues and policies relating to public transit in Edmonton. Jarret is an avid daily user of the Edmonton Transit Service and believes that an expansive, barrier-free yet cost-efficient transit system is paramount to the success of Edmonton's future. He is greatly interested in regional transit systems, the continuing development of the Valley Line LRT project and the future implementation of smart technologies within Edmonton's transit system.

#### Bryan Shepherd

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Bryan Shepherd is the Dean of Student Services and College Registrar at NorQuest College. He has a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Alberta and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Royal Roads University. Bryan has spent most of his career in the post-secondary sector, with the past 19 years in various senior management positions. He has a wealth of experience working with boards and other governing bodies. Bryan has spent all of his professional life in the public sector, providing him with many opportunities to work with all three levels of government.

Bryan is married and a father of three. He is involved in his community and over the years has spent a lot of time at various hockey arenas, sports fields and recreation centres in and around the Edmonton area. He truly understands what it means to live, work and play within our city.