

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024
4:00 P.M. – LANSING CENTER GOVERNOR'S ROOM
333 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Shanna Draheim, Vice Chair
Phil Deschaine Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Grebner
John Prush
Doug Lecato

CALL TO ORDER:

Nathan Triplett, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Phill Deschaine, Shanna Draheim, Mark Grebner, Doug Lecato, John Prush, and Nathan Triplett were all present.

ABSENT: Derek Melot, Maggie Sanders, Jack Schmitt, and Terrance Augustine

Chair Triplett welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He also mentioned that the meeting is being offered on Zoom for those who wish to view the Board meeting virtually.

Chair Triplett also deferred the first opportunity for public comment to later in the meeting so that guests arriving late, due to weather conditions, would have a chance to speak.

Bradley Funkhouser commented on the emergency procedures at the Lansing Center in the event of a tornado warning.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Chair Triplett requested a motion to excuse Board members Jack Schmitt, Derek Melot, Maggie Sanders, and Terrance Augustine.

MOTION:

Doug Lecato motioned to excuse Jack Schmitt, Derek Melot, Maggie Sanders, and Terrance Augustine. Shanna Draheim supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Triplett stated that he has been in communication with Meridian Township and the City of Lansing regarding CATA's Board vacancies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tornado Warning

Bradley Funkhouser commented on the tornado warning today in both Eaton and Ingham Counties. He explained that once the warning was received, CATA enacted its emergency protocols and service was stopped for approximately thirty-five minutes. Mr. Funkhouser thanked CATA Staff for managing service during this event.

Governor's Budget and Local Bus Operating (LBO)

Bradley Funkhouser stated that he has been talking to the CATA Board regarding the LBO from the Governor's budget. He stated that CATA was notified last month that the state match will drop significantly next year. Typically, CATA receives approximately thirty-four percent match dollars for urban service and approximately thirty-eight percent match dollars for rural service from the State of Michigan. The recommendation from the Transportation Subcommittee was twenty-six-point three percent. Mr. Funkhouser stated that he is working with Chair Triplett to write a support letter to the state to voice our concerns.

New Operator Training Classes

Bradley Funkhouser stated that CATA has decided to temporarily stop having job fairs and instead have regular on-site interviews at the CATA facility. Mr. Funkhouser explained that once operators have completed the hiring process, they will be able to roll right into training classes. Currently, CATA has four (4) new operators in training.

EATRAN Update

Bradley Funkhouser stated that EATRAN has three (3) new operators. He also stated that at the April EATRAN Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved the Grand Ledge Connector service that will start on May 1, 2024. Riders will be able to go from Grand Ledge and transfer to Route 3 in Delta Township.

Housing Commission

Bradley Funkhouser stated that Lolo Robison, Director of Marketing, Customer Experience and Public Information Officer; Dustin Hagfors, Director of Planning and Development; and himself met with representatives from the Lansing Housing Commission regarding new developments in the area. Mr. Funkhouser noted that the meeting went well and CATA will continue to be involved in future discussions.

Chair Triplett commented on the LBO notice. He also stated that CATA was very well represented by their ATU members from Local 1039 who spoke at the transportation subcommittee hearing meeting that took place last week. Chair Triplett further noted that the appropriations committee chairs from both chambers are from this region and are trying to communicate the local impacts of these funding decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Black commented on some of the CATA bus stops that he believes are in poor condition.

Chair Triplett stated that if Mr. Black would like to share his pictures of the CATA bus stops with the Board, he may do so through email.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 2024, BOARD MEETING
- B. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024
 - 1. Interim Income Statement
 - 2. Cash Summary
 - 3. Investments
 - 4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation
- C. ANNUAL REPORT TO GOVERNING BODIES OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF CATA

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors approves the Fiscal 2023 Annual Report and directs staff to distribute it to the governing bodies of all participating members of CATA.

- D. APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Local Advisory Committee to reappoint Geneva Smith to a three-year term through April 2027.

MOTION:

Phil Deschaine motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Doug Lecato supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Lecato thanked Lolo Robison and her team for putting together the 2023 Annual Report.

ACTION ITEM – PROPOSED DISCUSSION AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Black stated that he spoke to Simone Moore, General Manager at Transdev, about the Transdev facility and their operations.

Krista Abdallah thanked CATA for providing service on Easter Sunday. Ms. Abdallah stated that her ride was on-time and wonderful.

Flesia McClurkin expressed her disappointment with Spec-Tran over her scheduled trip for a doctor's appointment that never arrived.

Chair Triplett apologized for the inconvenience and reassured Ms. McClurkin that someone from CATA Staff will follow-up with her.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Triplett adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Phil Deschaine
Secretary/Treasurer



Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary