

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025  
5:00 P.M. – LANSING CENTER GOVERNOR'S ROOM  
333 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933

**PRESENT:** Nathan Triplett, Chair  
Shanna Draheim, Vice Chair  
Eric Tans  
Mark Grebner  
Kellie Blackwell  
John Prush  
Steve Vagnozzi  
Derek Melot  
Jack Schmitt  
Ed Rodgers  
Chelsea Dowler

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Triplett called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., pursuant to notice given on December 8, 2025, for a special meeting to review and consider ratification of the Union Labor Agreement.

**ROLL CALL:** Kellie Blackwell, Chelsea Dowler, Shanna Draheim, Derek Melot, Mark Grebner, John Prush, Ed Rodgers, Jack Schmitt, Eric Tans, Nathan Triplett, and Steve Vagnozzi were all present.

**ABSENT:** Phil Deschaine, Secretary/Treasurer, and Keith Barber

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

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

**ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INGHAM AND CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR RURAL AND SPEC-TRAN SERVICES

**PROPOSED MOTION:** That the CATA Board of Directors authorizes Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, to execute Amendment No. 13 to extend the base contract between the County of Ingham and Capital Area Transportation Authority for the period of January 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, on such other terms and conditions as the Board Chair and the Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

**MOTION:**

Steve Vagnozzi moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Shanna Draheim supported the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED DISCUSSION AGENDA**

None

**CLOSED SESSION REGARDING UNION LABOR AGREEMENT**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** That this Board meeting go into closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), for a strategy session in connection with negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Union, ATU, Division 1039, and that following such closed session, this Board meeting returns to open session for completion of the Agenda.

**MOTION:**

Steve Vagnozzi motioned that the CATA Board go into Closed Session and Ed Rodgers supported the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kellie Blackwell, aye; Chelsea Dowler, aye; Shanna Draheim, aye; Derek Melot, aye; Mark Grebner, aye; John Prush, aye; Ed Rodgers, aye; Jack Schmitt, aye; Eric Tans, aye; Nathan Triplett, aye; and Steve Vagnozzi, aye.

11 Ayes

0 Nays

Phil Deschaine was absent.

The Closed Session began at 5:10 p.m. and adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 5: 30 p.m.**

**PROPOSED MOTION:** That the CATA Board of Directors hereby ratify and authorize Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, to execute the three-year Labor Agreement, effective from December 10, 2025, through November 30, 2028, between CATA and ATU, Local 1039, as negotiated by their representatives.

**MOTION:**

Jack Schmitt motioned to approve the three-year Labor Agreement and Shanna Draheim supported the motion.

**DISCUSSION:**

Bradley Funkhouser stated that this is the first time in 38 years that the contract was completed before its expiration date. He thanked Andrew Brieschke, Steve Soliz, and everyone involved for their dedication and hard work.

Chair Triplett also thanked Andrew Brieschke, Steve Soliz, and all those involved for their hard work.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was no further business, Chair Triplett adjourned meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Deschaine  
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando  
Recording Secretary