

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
4:00 P.M. – LANSING CENTER GOVERNOR'S ROOM
333 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Dusty Fancher, Vice Chair
Doug Lecato
Jennie Gies
Mark Grebner
Derek Melot
John Prush
Jack Schmitt
Maggie Sanders

CALL TO ORDER:

Nathan Triplett, Chair called meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Dusty Fancher, Jennie Gies, Mark Grebner, Doug Lecato, Derek Melot, John Prush, Maggie Sanders, Jack Schmitt, and Nathan Triplett were all present.

ABSENT: Shanna Draheim and Terrance Augustine

LATE: Phil Deschaine and Phyllis Vaughn

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 asked for a moment of silence in recognition for those involved in the shooting that took place on MSU's Campus Monday night along with the individuals that are still in critical condition.

Chair Triplett also acknowledged Mr. Funkhouser's heartfelt letter that was sent to CATA employees and shared with the Board regarding the tragedy at MSU.

Bradley Funkhouser sent his condolences to the victims and families involved in the incident at MSU. He also shared details that transpired the night of the shooting and how CATA's first responders assisted in transporting students to safe locations.

Phil Deschaine and Phyllis Vaughn arrived at 4:06 p.m.

John Prush, CATA Board member and Deputy Director, Michigan State University Police and Public Safety, thanked CATA staff and operators, Transdev operators, and Union President, Local 1039, Steve Soliz, for their assistance in transporting students to safe locations well past 2:00 a.m. He also spoke on behalf of MSU and thanked CATA for their support and assistance throughout the tragedy. Mr. Prush further shared that MSU will be holding a vigil tonight and all are welcomed to attend.

Chair Triplett thanked Mr. Funkhouser and CATA staff for their assistance during the incident at MSU. He also shared that Mr. Funkhouser has always been in constant communication with him; updating him on any CATA incidents that transpire including the pandemic and the shooting at MSU. Chair Triplett expressed his admiration for Mr. Funkhouser's leadership and support for the Board. Chair Triplett also offered his personal reflection on seeing MSU students paint the "Rock" located on MSU's campus with the question, "How many more?"

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deb Parrish shared her sentiments regarding the tragedy at MSU. She also commended CATA's first responders and dispatcher. Ms. Parrish further noted how much she appreciated and learned from CATA's January 2023 Board Retreat presentations.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Bradley Funkhouser stated that due to the events that transpired on MSU's campus Monday evening, the presentation that was scheduled for tonight's Board meeting from Dan Goodmoot, Director of IT, will be postponed until the March Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 2023, BOARD MEETING
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 2023, BOARD RETREAT
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022
 - 1. Interim Income Statement
 - 2. Cash Summary
 - 3. Investments
 - 4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation
- D. APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Local Advisory Committee to appoint Darrin Fowler to a three-year term through February 2026.

- E. CONTRACT FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors authorizes Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T.

Funkhouser, to execute a contract with John E. Green Company, Michigan to provide Preventative Maintenance and Service for HVAC systems at an estimated cost of \$457,724, based on the quoted rates, for a five (5) year term as the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

F. PURCHASE OF UP TO FOUR (4) SMALL BUSES

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors authorizes Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, to execute a purchase from the State of Michigan (MDOT) Small Bus Contract for up to four (4) cutaway buses in an amount not to exceed \$625,000 of federal and state grant funds and pending successful completion of necessary Buy America Audits on such other terms and conditions as the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

MOTION:

Doug Lecato motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Jennie Gies supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM - DISCUSSION AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Parrish shared her experience with the Wait-Stop App. She stated that although her experience wasn't perfect, she recognizes that the program is new and may need time to improve.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Triplett adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanna Draheim
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary