

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 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
Derek Melot
Phil Deschaine
Jack Schmitt
Terrance Augustine

CALL TO ORDER:

Nathan Triplett, Chair called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Terrance Augustine, Phil Deschaine, Dusty Fancher, Jennie Gies, Doug Lecato, Derek Melot, Jack Schmitt, and Nathan Triplett were all present.

ABSENT: Maggie Sanders

LATE: Shanna Draheim, Mark Grebner and John Prush

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 deferred to Phil Deschaine to introduce his guest.

Phil Deschaine introduced Phyllis Vaughn and explained that Ms. Vaughn is an avid CATA rider who assists Meridian Township in offering their services to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deb Parrish wished everyone a Happy New Year and suggested that CATA have a New Year's resolution where they see through the eyes of the riders and operators. She also commented on Transdev's 93% on-time performance rating and believes that the high rating is partly due to Transdev having a sub-contractor. Ms. Parrish hopes that with Transdev's new contract, they will be able to handle their current issues.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Chair Triplett welcomed Ms. Vaughn. He then expressed his anticipation for the Board Retreat's presentations and deferred to Mr. Funkhouser for his CEO report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Bradley Funkhouser also welcomed Ms. Vaughn.

Job Fair

Bradley Funkhouser announced that CATA will host two (2) job fairs tomorrow, January 19th. Representatives from Transdev will be on-site recruiting at both job fairs which will take place at the same time in two (2) different locations. EATRAN's job fair will take place at the Lansing Mall and CATA's job fair will be at the Lansing Center.

Mark Grebner arrived at 4:05 p.m.

EATRAN

Bradley Funkhouser reported that EATRAN has released an RFP for a consultant. The consultant will assist EATRAN in a six-month study to reveal areas where EATRAN can grow and better meet the needs of their riders and the community they serve.

Executive Staff Meeting

Bradley Funkhouser stated that last month, CATA's Executive Staff met at the Lansing Center to share their vision for CATA's future. Mr. Funkhouser stated that the meeting went very well and Board members will be able to see the results during the following Board Retreat.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022
 - 1. Interim Income Statement
 - 2. Cash Summary
 - 3. Investments
 - 4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation

MOTION:

Jennie Gies motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Phil Deschaine supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM - DISCUSSION AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Wiese reported that on January 9, CATA implemented the Wait-Stop Program which allows Spec-Tran riders to schedule a trip with a brief stop in between. Ms. Wiese explained that CATA and the LAC have been working on this project for the last two and one-half years. She further noted that the few transit agencies that have a Wait-Stop Program require additional fees on top of the regular fare. CATA and the LAC were able to do something groundbreaking and Ms. Wiese and the LAC are very proud of this project.

Shanna Draheim and John Prush arrived at 4:11 p.m.

Deb Parrish expressed her interest in the Board Retreat presentations. She also complimented Mr. Funkhouser on his picture on CATA's Facebook. Ms. Parrish stated that she speaks for those who are unable to speak. She also commented on the operators that CATA has lost over the last couple years and expressed her appreciation for the service that Transdev provides.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Derek Melot motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doug Lecato supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Triplett adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanna Draheim
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary