

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021
4:00 P.M. – 3131 E. MICHIGAN AVE., LANSING, MI 48912
(FORMER SEARS BUILDING)

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Dusty Fancher, Vice Chair
Shanna Draheim, Secretary/Treasurer
Dion'trae Hayes
Mark Grebner
Jennie Gies
John Prush
Phil Deschaine
Doug Lecato
Robin Lewis
Derek Melot

CALL TO ORDER:

Nathan Triplett, Chair called meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ABSENT: Jack Schmitt

ROLL CALL: All present except for Jack Schmitt who was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Chair Triplett thanked Board members for participating in the vaccination survey.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Vaccine Mandate

Bradley Funkhouser informed the Board that as soon as CATA receives guidance from MIOSHA, CATA will work with the Union to implement a vaccine mandate for all CATA employees. Mr. Funkhouser stated that he and Steve Soliz, President of ATU, Local 1039, both agree that they need to come together to do what's best for CATA's riders and employees.

Veterans

Bradley Funkhouser thanked the veterans for their service. He also stated that this year CATA recognized their veterans by awarding them with a CATA veteran's pin and a personalized letter that gives each CATA veteran an additional day off from work.

Phil Deschaine inquired about the number veterans at CATA.

Bradley Funkhouser replied that CATA has approximately 20 employees that have served in the military.

Dion'trae Hayes complimented CATA on the veteran pins.

Bradley Funkhouser thanked Ms. Hayes for her appreciation.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2021, BOARD MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021

1. Interim Income Statement
2. Cash Summary
3. Investments
4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation

C. INSURANCE RENEWALS

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Board of Directors approves CATA's purchase of insurance policies at quoted contract rates with the indicated premiums and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, or his designee to execute such applications, contracts, and other documents as are necessary and appropriate in the judgment of the Chief Executive Officer, to bind and perfect such insurance coverage and services for the period from December 1, 2021 through and including November 30, 2022.

D. HVAC ROOFTOP UNIT (RTU) REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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 Advantage Mechanical Group of \$803,900.00, for the purchase of RTU Replacements, on such other terms and conditions as the Board Chair and the Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

E. REGIONAL ADVOCACY FOR DISADVANTAGE POPULATIONS -
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors authorizes Board Chair, Nathan Triplett, and Chief Executive Officer, Bradley T. Funkhouser, to approve an agreement between CATA and Advent House Ministries in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 on such other terms and

conditions as the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer deem necessary.

MOTION:

Dusty Fancher motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Doug Lecato supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED DISCUSSION AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Daniel Black commented on the speaker system not being loud enough for him to hear everyone.

Angela Glossop expressed her frustration with CATA's service which has caused her to be late on many occasions.

Jim Search stated he is a 24-year-old veteran and second-generation operator. He also shared a past conversation that he had with Mr. Funkhouser.

Steve Soliz, President of ATU, Local 1039, stated that he had a positive meeting with Mr. Funkhouser yesterday on the vaccine mandate. He also presented some of the results from a survey that the Union collected from CATA drivers.

Katie Kelley, a CATA operator and past Union President, expressed her frustration over the Trapeze experts that CATA brought in to create the bid board and the amount of money that it cost.

Dinah Diaz, a CATA operator, expressed her frustration over CATA's bid board and the little amount of free time she has with her family.

Julie Lugo, a retired CATA operator, stated that CATA's new bid board did not offer her the flexibility that she needed and was the main reason for her retirement.

Paul Ingraham, a CATA operator, expressed his frustration over CATA's new bid board and the environment it has created at CATA.

Colleen Whalen, a CATA operator, expressed her frustration with CATA and the little amount of overtime she is allowed to collect.

Jasmine Jones, a CATA operator, shared her experience with being mandated to work.

Angela Steinhauer, a CATA operator, commented on the number of CATA operators not able to work due to reduced overtime hours.

Dion'trae Hayes left the Board meeting at 4:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE 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 return to open session for completion of the Agenda.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Robin Lewis and supported by Derek Melot to approve going 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 return to open session for completion of the Agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business Chair Triplett adjourned meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanna Draheim
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary