

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022
4:00 P.M. – LANSING CENTER GOVERNOR'S ROOM
333 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Mark Grebner
Doug Lecato
Maggie Sanders

Phil Deschaine
Robin Lewis
Jennie Gies

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL: Phil Deschaine, Jennie Gies, Mark Grebner, Doug Lecato, Robin Lewis, Maggie Sanders and Nathan Triplett were all present.

ABSENT: Dusty Fancher, Vice Chair, Shanna Draheim, Secretary/Treasurer, Derek Melot and Jack Schmitt.

LATE: John Prush

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deb Parrish expressed her hope that the Board meeting is being live streamed and that last month she had a hard time hearing while watching virtually. Ms. Parrish also inquired about the money CATA is saving by having split-shifts and her wish that CATA and the Union will have a contract soon.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Chair Triplett noted that he has tried reaching Board members to discuss Committee Appointments. He asked that if Board members haven't responded yet that they please do so soon.

MOTION:

Robin Lewis motioned to excuse Dusty Fancher, Shanna Draheim, Derek Melot, and Jack Schmitt and Doug Lecato supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Bradley Funkhouser welcomed everyone to the new location.

Honoring Veterans

Bradley Funkhouser explained that since CATA provides free rides to Veterans year-round, there no longer needs to be a motion. Mr. Funkhouser also thanked all the veterans for their service along with those that are currently serving in the military.

EATRAN

Bradley Funkhouser gave an overview of his first couple weeks working at EATRAN. He stated that he has had great conversations with Terrance Augustine from Eaton County and representatives from MDOT. Mr. Funkhouser also explained that he has been speaking with MDOT over the grant money that CATA has received and how to apply the funds to expand regional, cross-boundary transportation within the tri-counties.

Lansing Center

Bradley Funkhouser commented on the new location. He also stated that the new Board meeting location has been posted since September 21, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS – PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING
- B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022
 - 1. Interim Income Statement
 - 2. Cash Summary
 - 3. Investments
 - 4. Fifth Third Investment Account Reconciliation
- C. APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors approves the appointment of the following to the LAC offices set forth next to their names for a one-year term ending in October 2023:

Deb Wiese Chair
Kellie Blackwell.... Vice Chair

- D. APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED MOTION: That the CATA Board of Directors approves the recommendation of the Local Advisory Committee to appoint Ethan Devereaux to a three-year term through October 2025.

MOTION:

Phil Deschaine 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

Paul Zamarron expressed his desire to have a bus stop near Capital Commons, 500 S. Pine Street.

Deb Parrish commented on Spec-Tran's service. She also shared a story of a rider being late to work due to poor service.

Mark Grebner commented on the former Sears location.

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, Local 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 Doug Lecato and supported by Robin Lewis 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, Local 1039, and that following such closed session, this Board meeting return to open session for completion of the Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Phil Deschaine, Jennie Gies, Mark Grebner, Doug Lecato, Robin Lewis, John Prush, Maggie Sanders and Nathan Triplett were all present.

ABSENT: Dusty Fancher, Shanna Draheim, Derek Melot and Jack Schmitt

The Executive Session began at 4:22 p.m. and adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business Chair Triplett adjourned meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanna Draheim
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary