

CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022
4:00 P.M. – LANSING CENTER GOVERNOR'S ROOM
333 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MI 48933

PRESENT: Nathan Triplett, Chair
Dusty Fancher, Vice Chair
Shanna Draheim, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Grebner
Doug Lecato
Derek Melot
Jennie Gies
Jack Schmitt
Robin Lewis
John Prush

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Triplett called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., pursuant to notice given on October 30, 2022, for a special meeting to review and consider ratification of the Union Labor Agreement.

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

ABSENT: Phil Deschaine and Maggie Sanders

Chair Triplett welcomed everyone to the special Board meeting and explained that the Board will go into closed session and then reopen the meeting for a vote and public comment. He also mentioned that the meeting is being offered on Zoom for those who wish to view the Board meeting virtually.

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 Jennie Gies 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 VOTE: Shanna Draheim, aye; Dusty Fancher, aye; Jennie Gies, aye; Mark Grebner, aye; Doug Lecato, aye; Robin Lewis, aye; Derek Melot, aye; John Prush, aye; Jack Schmitt, aye and Nathan Triplett, aye.

Phil Deschaine and Maggie Sanders were absent.

The Executive Session began at 4:04 p.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 4:24 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 November 7, 2022, through November 30, 2025, between CATA and ATU, Local 1039, as negotiated by their representatives.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Jack Schmitt to approve the three-year Labor Agreement and Dusty Fancher supported the motion.

DISCUSSION:

Andrew Brieschke, Deputy CEO, asked Mr. Funkhouser if he would like to make any additional comments to the Board.

Bradley Funkhouser stated that he did not have any additional comments.

Andrew Brieschke thanked Chair Triplett and the Board for all their support and patience during negotiations. He also thanked Mr. Funkhouser for his support, leadership and guidance as well as CATA staff. Mr. Brieschke acknowledged Steve Soliz, Union President, ATU, Local 1039, who was not present and Steve Clem, Union Vice President, ATU, Local 1039, who was present, and stated that it has been an honor working alongside them and looks forward to working with the ATU, Local 1039, in the future.

Mark Grebner stated that for the past two (2) years while negotiations were taking place, he had suspended some of his items related to CATA modifying its service menu; however, now that a Labor Agreement has been completed, he will begin to bring those items back to the table. Mr. Grebner expressed his enthusiasm for closing the book on the previous administration and looks forward to strengthening our relationship with our drivers and community partners.

Doug Lecato thanked Mr. Brieschke and the Negotiation Team, Mr. Soliz and the operators. He also shared a pleasant experience that he had with an operator. He also looks forward to expanding regional transportation.

Chair Triplett thanked CATA staff, the Negotiation Team, Union officers and ATU, Local 1039, for their hard work. He also reflected on the past two (2) years at how much has changed and has been accomplished. Chair Triplett stated that he is looking forward to celebrating the Agreement and rebuilding CATA.

All present applauded.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Robin Lewis motioned to excuse Phil Deschaine and Maggie Sanders and Doug Lecato supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Shanna Draheim motioned to adjourn the October 31, 2022, special Board meeting and Robin Lewis supported the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business Chair Triplett adjourned meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanna Draheim
Secretary/Treasurer

Tina Orlando
Recording Secretary