



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Bryant Nolden, Board Chair, Luke Zellej, Scott Grossmeyer, Lisa Anderson, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Quincy Murphy

ABSENT: Glenn Wilson, Tommie Johnson

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Mathews, Shawnice Dorsey, Colette Champine, Rod Evans, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Michael Foerster, Karl Petrich, Voundria Redmon

Chairman Nolden called the regular board meeting to order at 8:04 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Approval of the September 22, 2022, Annual and Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Quincy Murphy, to approve the September 22, 2022, annual and regular board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 20, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Luke Zellej, to approve the September 20, 2022, finance committee meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Michael Joliat

Attorney Joliat requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss two cases #21-115965-NF and #21-115980-NF. Attorney Joliat stated that these cases are pending litigation and to discuss them publicly may affect MTA's ability to settle the cases.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Quincy Murphy, to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Attorney Joliat.

Roll Call Vote:

Bryant Nolden, Luke Zellej, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Quincy Murphy, Joseph King, and Lisa Anderson voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:07 A.M.

Quincy Murphy moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session reconvened at 8:24 A.M.

Attorney Joliat asked the board to approve the recommendation for cases #21-115965-NF and #21-115980-NF as presented and discussed in closed session.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Joliat. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #23-01 authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration for federal transportation assistance for FY 2023.

Ed Benning stated that this is an annual requirement by the Federal Transit Administration.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Luke Zellej, to approve Resolution #23-01. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #23-02 certifying that FY 2023 Section 5307 capital funds are not needed for the Mass Transportation Authority to achieve full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Ed Benning stated this is also an annual requirement by the Federal Transit Administration.

Luke Zelle approved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #23-02. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Grossmeyer stated that items five through fourteen were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting and he made a motion to move ten items for approval, supported by Charles Winfrey. Six (6) members approved the motion, one (1) opposed; with one abstention, Luke Zelle, on Resolution #23-04, motion carried.

Resolution #23-03 authorizing the General Manager to renew an agreement with Jewish Community Services for a period of three-years to provide Specialized Services under the “Highway to Health” Program, in an annual amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Resolution #23-04 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with The Disability Network for ADA Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services to assist with the Americans with Disabilities Act eligibility process for a period of two years, at a price amount of \$47,800.00 based on an estimate of forty applications per month.

Resolution #23-05 authorizing the General Manager to modify the purchase agreement with Hoekstra Transportation for the purchase of four LPG Powered Ford Transit Lift Equipped Vans and selected options, for a revised amount not to exceed \$354, 018.00.

Resolution #23-06 authorizing the General Manager to modify the purchase agreement with Hoekstra Transportation for the purchase of three 20’ LPG Powered Ford Transit Lift Equipped Vans and selected options, for a revised amount not to exceed \$269,298.00.

Resolution #23-07 authorizing the General Manager to modify the purchase agreement with Hoekstra Transportation, Grand Rapids, MI, for the purchase of one Ford Transit Van with Optional Equipment, for a revised amount not to exceed \$82,318.00.

Resolution #23-08 authorizing the General Manager to modify the purchase agreement with Syntech Systems, Inc. Tallahassee, FL, for the purchase of 397 Automotive Information Module (AIM) Titanium units compatible with the MTA’s existing FuelMaster Fuel Management System, at a revised not to exceed amount of \$204,447.10.

Resolution #23-09 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Superior Lawn and Landscape, Inc. Flint, MI for Snow, and Ice Removal Services at nine MTA facility locations for the 2022-2023 winter season, at a total contract cost of \$186,000.00.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning asked board members to move the March 23, 2023 board meeting to March 30, 2023 with the finance meeting on March 28, 2023, if applicable. Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the date change for the March 2023 board meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Benning updated the board on his participation at the APTA Annual Meeting held in Seattle, vehicle pricing, the expansion of the MTA hydrogen station and his attendance at the recent Flint Economic Development Leadership Meeting.

Mr. Benning asked the board to affirm a recent decision to provide recognition pay to members of AFSCME Local 3437-A and 3437-B in accordance with Article 35, Section 2.A and Article 33, Section 2.A (respectively) of the collective bargaining agreements. Quincy Murphy moved affirmation of recognition pay, supported by Charles Winfrey. Affirmation approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

