

ELDERLY AND DISABLED LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

February 11th, 2026 @ Vocational Independence Program - 5069 VanSlyke Rd, Flint, MI 48507

FACILITATOR: Pamela Reid

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ADA Application and Certification process**
- **2026 Meeting Location**
- **New Call System and software for MTA**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Future Meeting Location**
- **November's Meeting Date**
- **Member Contact Information Sheet**

STATUS REPORT SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger

MTA PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

ELDERLY AND DISABLED LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 4th, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Here is the Zoom information for the MTA LAC Meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81901140627?pwd=UUlQbvFWGgSslryzoLccXgT795iXmz.1>

Meeting ID: 819 0114 0627

Passcode: 370834

FACILITATOR: Pamela Reid

CALL TO ORDER: 10:03 AM

Members Present: Pamela Reid, Sabrina Bouchard, Jessica Dixon, Lauren Thompson, Georgia Kitchen, Jim Huga, Steven Low, Cody Roblyer, Rene Sherwood, Allison Gute

Members Absent: Tameka Duncan, Clara Blakely, Sheila Fulmore, Damontae Scott

MTA Staff Present: Kevin Galloway, Melinda Johnson, Dennis McDonagh, Ben Blazen, Elliot Sandford

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL of NOVEMBER MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes made by Cody Roblyer, and Allison Gute seconded. All in favor.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements made.

MEETING MINUTES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- *ADA certification:* Jessica Dixon shared that she was told that LAC is not part of the making of ADA application. Pamela shared this is typically true but it was discussed having LAC be part of that process. She also explained that if someone ever appealed a denial or have an issue with the process, it would go in front of this committee. Jessica stated there have been no concerns that she is aware of and things are going well.

- *Bylaw Review*: Steven Low moved to approve the bylaws; Renee Sherwood seconded this motion. Motion passed.
- *The Safe Streets Grant & The Safety Action Plan*: No updates at this time.
- *Meetings moving forward*:
 - Lauren Thompson submitted a request for the ballroom at the Genesee County Building. She is waiting for approval. Pending approval, the LAC will be held in this location every month moving forward.
 - In the meantime; Next month, we will meet at VIP - 5069 VanSlyke Rd, Flint, MI 48507

NEW BUSINESS:

Specialized Service

Specialized Service Allocations- The allocation list was reviewed. Melinda explained that the allocations are given based on how often the services are used. Furthermore, she shared that MTA directly provides the transportation for some of the locations, while others have a vehicle and a driver who provide the transportation.

Vehicle Lease - Leases currently exist between MTA and Senior Centers and community members for the vehicles. These leases are zero-dollar leases as a way of keeping track of these vehicles.

Sabrina motioned to approve the vehicle leases as they are; Jessica seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Loose Vehicle Lease Application -

Many questions were asked about the application process. Melinda shared that she is in contact with the Specialized Services members who have a vehicle and do their own transportation at quarterly meetings. Once an expressed interest in a vehicle is given, Melinda waits for funding and then works with that member. These applications will not be approved by this board, such as this one today. Sabrina, with FSA asked if her expressed interest in a Specialized Services Vehicle can be noted and if she can attend the quarterly meeting moving forward to stay up to date. Melinda said it was a great idea and that she will send out an invite for the next meeting scheduled for next Wednesday. Rene motioned to approve the Loose Lease Application; Steve seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Vehicle Accessibility Plan Update-

The plan was reviewed by the committee and the following changes were made:

- Change Rene Sherwood to Vocational Independence Program Incorporated
- Change Allison Gute to Genesee County Department of Senior Services.
- Change Clara Blakley to a person with disability
- Change Cody's name to the correct spelling of "Roblyer"

Sabrina motioned to approve with the changes mentioned above, and Pamela seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

● *Status Report and Service Report from MTA*

- Ridership: There was no ridership report.
 - 23,881 paratransit riders in December
 - 3,837 rides utilized a lift
 - 14,409 rides were ADA certified
- No-shows and late cancellations have stayed the same. This is in part due to weather and other uncontrollable circumstances.
- MTA is working on a micro-transit service. Jim asked for clarification on what micro-transit is. It was explained that this service will be much like the service Uber gives.
- YourRide got 10 new vehicles. More have been ordered; however, they look about 1 year to receive a vehicle.
- Rene asked about a stop in Mundy Township. MTA is going to re-engage with Mundy to get those stops.
- Brooke inquired about the bus stop shelters and how to get one for the stop in front of FSA. Ben shared they cost

a rough estimate of 10-12k to be finished but planning can look at the stop. Ben also shared that an organization can sponsor a shelter stop. Brooke showed interest in doing this with FSA.

- Georgia asked about trips going to the cemeteries. Dennis shared MTA has been looking at that idea, but it is looking more like fall for this program after the new software is rolled out to ensure things are going smoothly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pam: VAAA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on April 9 at the Genesys Banquet Center. They are seeking nominations for Centenarian of the Year. Senior Power Day is approaching in May. That is in the planning phase, but vendor invites will be coming in February.
- Allison: Genesee Department of Senior Services has 4 RFP's coming out this year. Please look out for them and/or contact Allison Gute for any questions.
- Jim Hagan shared that he appreciates what this board and everything it does. He shared that communication is very difficult to schedule his ride. Kevin shared that they are currently using cell phones and it has been problematic.. Kevin has ordered desk phones to be used in the meantime of the new software rollout.
- Rene: VIP shared that their annual Golf Outing is on May 18th at Sugarbush. She will be sending a flier to us.
- Brooke: Family Service Agency's (FSA) annual fundraiser is May 15th. Invite to come.
- Cody: Genesee County Planning shared that their Master Plan Document has been drafted. They have open houses coming up. All of those dates can be found at ourfuturegenesee.org
- Georgia shared that she participates in the KISS program with VAAA and she really enjoys it. Georgia thanked Jim for sharing his issue with scheduling rides.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Renee and seconded by Cody. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

We will resume our next meeting on February 11th at 10 AM at the Vocational Independence Program - 5069 VanSlyke Rd, Flint, MI 48507