



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Luke Zelley, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, Charles Winfrey, James Avery, Sharon Reeves, Glenn Wilson, Candace Mushatt

**ABSENT:** Tommie Johnson

**STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Tim Ashley, Karl Petrich, Melinda Johnson, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Michele Loper, Rod Evans, Kevin Galloway, Dennis McDonagh, Laura Sylvester, Dawn McLain, Andrew Lang

Chairperson Zelley called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

**Comments of the Public**

None

Scott Bennett moved acceptance of the November 20, 2025 agenda as presented, supported by Charles Winfrey; motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the October 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Scott Bennett, to approve the October 23, 2025 Board meeting minutes; motion approved unanimously.

Charles Winfrey made a motion to move agenda items 2 through 7 for discussion and approval, supported by Scott Bennett.

**Resolution #26-08 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the fourth option and enter into an agreement to renew MTA's existing contract with Brown & Brown Insurance and Health Alliance Plan (HAP) of Detroit, MI for Healthcare Benefits for a one-year period with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2026 in the amount of \$3,149,236.35 (based on enrollment demographics from October 2025).**

Ed Benning stated that we have three employee benefits for renewal; health care, dental, Life, Short Term Disability and AD&D. Mr. Benning stated that it is amazing that our overall increase is low by providing wraparound coverage and working with employees to keep our costs down.

**Resolution #26-09 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the second renewal option and enter into an agreement to renew MTA's existing contract with Brown & Brown Insurance Services of Fenton, MI for Group Dental Benefits Insurance for a one-year period with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2026, in the amount of \$220,934.00 (based on enrollment demographics from October 2025).**

**Resolution #26-10 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the second renewal option and enter into an agreement with Brown & Brown Insurance Services of Fenton, MI for Group Life/AD&D and Short-Term Disability Benefits Insurance for a one-year period with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2026, in the amount of \$206,144.75 (based on enrollment demographics from October 2025).**

**Resolution #26-11 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract with Kajeet, Inc., (McLean, Virginia) to purchase and install cellular wireless routers and associated equipment on peak route buses and to allow for dual modem upgrades on systems already deployed in the MTA vehicle fleet, for an amount not to exceed \$197,250.64.**

Rod Evans, COO of ITS, stated that this contract is for the purchase and deployment of wireless routers to continue to provide cellular and internet connectivity to MTA trolleys and peak route buses.

**Resolution #26-12 approving the Mass Transportation Authority's Revenue and Expense Budget for FY2026.**

Tim Ashley, MTA Deputy CFO, reviewed revenues and expenses for the upcoming budget year with board members.

**Resolution #26-13 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with WSP Michigan, Inc. (Detroit, MI) to assist in the development and preparation of the MTA Ten-Year Strategic Plan (2026-2036), at a cost not to exceed \$189,316.00.**

Ed Benning stated that we are moving forward to work with WSP Michigan to prepare our next ten-year strategic plan. We received sixteen responses from various firms, and following staff review WSP Michigan was determined to be the best firm to provide this service.

Resolutions #26-08 through #26-13 approved unanimously.

#### ***General Manager's Report***

Ed Benning reported on State and Federal budgets, new routes that are being placed within the community, working in partnership with the city of Flint on senior care transportation and addressing the needs within our local community.

#### **Comments of the Board**

Scott Bennett mentioned the upcoming Township DDA meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nate Henry stated that the mayor of Linden contacted him to express her thanks for the trolley/shuttle service that the MTA is providing from Linden to Fenton.

Dennis McDonagh, Director of Planning addressed questions from board member Candace Mushatt about MTA's microtransit services. Dennis mentioned that we are currently waiting on the vendor to come on board; working with the consultants and once software is installed we can start microtransit services

Ed Benning shared that discussions are underway for the use of autonomous vehicles in the cultural area and in the out counties. Mr. Benning stated more information will be shared as we move forward..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 A.M.

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