



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2022, BOARD MEETING**

- PRESENT:** Bryant Nolden, Chair, Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Glenn Wilson, Lisa R. Anderson
- ABSENT:** Quincy Murphy, Tommie Johnson
- STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Matthews, Ed Burger, Harmony Lloyd, Shawnice Dorsey, Rod Evans, Patrick Tesler, Karl Petrich
- GUESTS:** Barry Wolf, MTA Attorney
Pamela Hill & Chris Gilbert, Plante Moran

Chairman Nolden called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM

Comments of the Public

None

Approval of the February 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Luke Zelle moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve the February 24, 2022, regular board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the February 22, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the February 22, 2022, finance committee meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-24 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year Product Supply Agreement with Nikola Corporation of Phoenix, AZ, for the sale of hydrogen to Nikola Corporation.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Lisa Anderson, to approve Resolution #22-24.

Ken Vavra stated that this is new company and although located in Arizona they have a local presence in the Detroit area with a need to fuel hydrogen vehicles.

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #22-25 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Syntech Systems, Inc., Tallahassee, FL, for the purchase of 328 Automotive Information Module Titanium units compatible with the MTA's existing FuelMaster Fuel Management System, at a not to exceed amount of \$187,907.00.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #22-25.

Corwin Matthews stated these units are compatible with the current fuel maintenance system that has been in place since 2005. Once installed the units will transmit data to the FuelMaster unit, which will then be imported to the MTA asset management software (EAM.)

Motion approved unanimously.

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Resolution #22-26 authorizing the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors to approve the FY 2023 Budget Year Transportation Plan, and the FY 2024-FY 2028 Five Year Plan.

Glenn Wilson moved, supported by Luke Zelle, to approve resolution #22-26.

Harmony Lloyd presented an executive summary overview of the MTA Five Year Plan, stating the five-year plan is the first phase in the three-step planning, programming, and budgeting process, mapping out objectives and goals for the year.

Glenn Wilson recommended the addition of two sections, one to include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and a second to include community input on potential route changes.

Motion approved unanimously with recommendations.

Resolution #22-27 authorizing the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors to accept the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit as presented by Plante & Moran, PLLC.

Joseph King moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve resolution #22-27.

Pamela Hill started by summarizing the audit process, work with the National Transit Database (NTD), and the contents of the presentation, which includes the financial statement audit, single audit, and financial highlights.

Chris Gilbert presented slides on working capital, unrestricted net position, and cash/debt balances by fiscal year.

Motions approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Attorney Barry Wolf requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss cases 20-114786, 20-115014-NI, and 20-114159-NO. Attorney Wolf stated that these cases are pending litigation and to discuss them publicly may jeopardize the ability of the MTA to settle the cases.

Luke Zelle moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Attorney Wolf.

Roll Call Vote:

Bryant Nolden, Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Lisa Anderson, Joseph King, Charles Winfrey, Glenn Wilson voted in the affirmative. Motion carried. Regular session suspended: 8:43 A.M.

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Luke Zelle, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session reconvened: 8:56 A.M.

Attorney Wolf asked the board to approve the recommendation made on cases 20-114786, 20-115014-NI, and 20-114159-NO, as presented in closed session.

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Glenn Wilson, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Wolf. Motion approved unanimously.

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Bryant Nolden stated that in the past there has been discussion about giving the general manager authority to settle legal cases up to \$25,000.00 with recommendation from legal counsel.

Glenn Wilson moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to give the general manager authority to settle legal cases up to \$25,000. Motion passed unanimously.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning reported on setting a future meeting of the Service Committee, the FTA Triennial review virtual meetings, clarification that Rides to Wellness is open to the public, and the expansion of the hydrogen station in Grand Blanc.

Comments of Board Members

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott C. Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.