



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Bryant Nolden, Board Chair, Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Lisa Anderson, Tommie Johnson, Joseph King, Quincy Murphy

**ABSENT:** Glenn Wilson, Charles Winfrey

**GUEST:** Barry Wolf, Attorney

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

Chairman Nolden called the regular board meeting to order at 8:06 A.M.

**Comments of the Public**

None

**Executive Session - Attorney Barry Wolf**

Attorney Wolf requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss two cases #20-114564-NI and #20-114160-NI. Attorney Wolf stated that these cases are pending litigation and to discuss them publicly may affect MTA's ability to settle the cases.

Tommie Johnson made a motion, supported by Quincy Murphy, to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated by Attorney Wolf.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Bryant Nolden, Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Quincy Murphy, Joseph King, Tommie Johnson, and Lisa Anderson voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:10 A.M.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Quincy Murphy, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session reconvened at 8:21 A.M.

Attorney Wolf asked the board to approve the recommendation for cases #20-144564-NI and #20-114160-NI as presented and discussed in closed session.

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Lisa Anderson, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Wolf. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the October 27, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Quincy Murphy made a motion, supported by Lisa Anderson, to approve the October 27, 2022, board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the October 25, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Luke Zelle, to approve the October 25, 2022, finance committee meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #23-13 authorizing the General Manager to renew a three-year agreement with Jewish Community Services to provide Specialized Services, in an annual amount not to exceed \$57,119.00.**

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Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Quincy Murphy, to approve Resolution #23-13. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-14 resolution by the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors to approve the Labor Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1223, representing MTA Your Ride Employees.**

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, supported by Quincy Murphy, to approve Resolution #23-14.

Ed Benning stated that board members were provided with an executive summary of contract changes for Your Ride Local 1223; this agreement will be for a three-year contract term, both sides agree this is a good agreement for the membership.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-15 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a two-year fixed rate agreement, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement, with Employee Benefit Services Group to provide a Dental Insurance Group Plan at a two-year cost of \$321,728.88, based on current employee enrollment.**

Quincy Murphy made a motion, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #23-15. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-16 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a two-year fixed rate agreement, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, with Employee Benefit Solutions Group, Inc. to provide Group Life/AD&D, and Short-Term Disability Insurance at a two-year cost of \$337,756.00 based on current employee enrollment.**

Tommie Johnson made a motion, supported by Lisa Anderson, to approve Resolution #23-16. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-17 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Midwest Bus Corporation for the accident repair of a 2019 GILLIG Transit Bus (#1244), at a firm fixed cost of \$186,230.00.**

Scott Grossmeyer made a motion, seconded by Quincy Murphy, to approve Resolution #23-17.

Ed Benning stated this vehicle repair was from an accident and because the vehicle does not meet the mileage requirement for disposal, we are required to repair the vehicle and return it to service.

Motion approved unanimously.

**General Managers Report**

Ed Benning reported on the hydrogen hub, state funding for regional transportation, the possibility of a Bus on the Shoulder program, overall ridership, and meeting with executive staff to discuss plans for going forward to 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

