



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, Charles Winfrey,
Candace Mushatt, Tommie Johnson (8.28)

ABSENT: Glenn Wilson, James Avery, Sharon Reeves

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Elizabeth Davis, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Karl
Petrich, Melinda Johnson, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Michele Loper, Rod
Evans, Micheal Foerster, Dennis McDonagh

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Scott Bennett moved acceptance of the October 23, 2025 agenda, supported by Charles Winfrey; motion approved unanimously.

Approval of the September 25, 2025 Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Scott Bennett, to approve both the Annual and Regular Board meeting minutes; motion approved unanimously.

Charles Winfrey made a motion to move agenda items 3 through 9 for discussion and approval, supported by Scott Bennett.

Resolution #26-01 authorizing the General Manager to amend the current Interlocal Agreement to Cross Jurisdictional Boundaries with Saginaw Transit Authority and Regional Services (STARS) for the purpose of providing connecting Regional Transportation Services.

Ed Benning stated that this is an update to the current agreement we have with Saginaw STARS.

Resolution #26-02 authorizing the General Manager to implement recommended primary route service changes aligning with the 2025 MTA Primary Route Study for the purpose of increasing ridership and improving efficiency.

Ed Benning stated that after getting input from the community and working together, these route changes will be effective November 17, 2025. Several staff members will be at the downtown transportation center to assist passengers navigate the changes throughout the day.

Resolution #26-03 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the MiDEAL State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program to purchase five (5) LPG Powered Champion Small Buses and selected options from Hoekstra Transportation (Grand Rapids, MI) for an amount not to exceed \$917,300.00.

Resolution #26-04 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the MiDEAL State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program to purchase four (4) LPG Powered Champion Small Buses and selected options from Hoekstra Transportation (Grand Rapids, MI) for an amount not to exceed \$793,436.00.

Resolution #26-05 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the MiDEAL State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program to purchase three (3) LPG Powered Ford Transit Vans and selected options from Hoekstra Transportation (Grand Rapids, MI) for an amount not to exceed \$325,530.90.

Resolution #26-06 authorizing the General Manager to utilize the State of Michigan MiDEAL Extended Purchasing Program to purchase one Ford Transit Van and Optional Equipment from Hoekstra Transportation (Grand Rapids, MI) for an amount not to exceed \$83,051.30 for the Loose Senior Center.

Ed Benning stated that all four resolutions are for various vehicle purchases, the last one (#26-06) being for the Loose Senior Center in Linden.

Resolution #26-07 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a 5-year agreement with Urban Transportation Associates, Inc. (Cincinnati, OH) to purchase and install Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) and Automatic Vehicle Location systems (AVLs) into MTA's Fixed Route Fleet of 109 buses, at an amount not to exceed \$1,238,133.00.

Corwin Matthews stated that this agreement is for the installation of automated passenger counters and vehicle location systems for MTA fixed route buses. Mr. Matthews stated that this will allow for better tracking of buses on routes and improve counting passenger boarding MTA buses.

Resolutions 26-01 through 26-07 approved unanimously.

Fourth Quarter Reports

Ed Benning and board members reviewed the reports.

General Manager's Report

Ed Benning reported on the current government shutdown, the state budget and how creating and maintaining partnerships within the community will be beneficial to transit. Mr. Benning stated that he recently attended a meeting with several companies that are involved in bringing electric bus manufacturing to the area; those discussions continue.

Ed Benning asked board members to approve three (3) Free Fare days in conjunction with the implementation of the fixed route changes next month.

Scott Bennett made a motion to approved the three Free Fare days, supported by Charles Winfrey. Motion approved unanimously.

Comments of the Board

Tommie Johnson thanked the MTA for providing assistance and transportation services to all major events held in Flint.

Scott Bennett thanked the MTA for providing transportation to those individuals attending the vigil that was held in Grand Blanc to honor the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints victims.

Luke Zelley stated that attending the meeting held in Saginaw, it was apparent how much respect they have for Ed Benning and how they view him as a leader.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Benning', written over a horizontal line.