



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2025  
BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Luke Zelle, Scott Bennett, Nate Henry, James Avery, Candace Mushatt, Sharon Reeves, Tommie Johnson

**ABSENT:** Glenn Wilson, Charles Winfrey

**STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Karl Petrich, Ed Burger, Dennis McDonagh, Shawnice Dorsey, Michael Foerster, Michele Loper, Elizabeth Davis, Rod Evans, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M. stating there is an addition to the agenda, adding Resolution #25-26. Scott Bennett moved the revised agenda, supported by James Avery; motion approved unanimously.

**Comments of the Public**

None

**Approval of the March 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Scott Bennett made a motion, supported by James Avery, to approve the March 27, 2025 meeting minutes; motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #25-23 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a one-year agreement with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods with K and R Tire Center (Flint, MI) for the Purchase of Transit Tires in accordance with MTA's RFP #2024-17 in an amount not to exceed \$141,858.30.**

Scott Bennett moved, supported by Nate Henry, to approve Resolution #25-23.

Ed Benning stated that request for proposal packets were sent to seven suppliers with staff receiving five responses for this one-year tire purchase contract. Approval of this agreement would be for one-year and will give us the option for four additional one-year periods.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #25-24 authorizing the General Manager to approve a payment of \$121,920.00 to Kevadiya Inc. for the Transtuitive software license and maintenance fees for the web-based Rides to Wellness scheduling software solution, for a total amount of \$121,920.00 based on current usage.**

Scott Bennett moved, supported by Nate Henry, to approve Resolution #25-24

Ed Benning stated that this is the software that is used for our Rides to Wellness service. Mr. Benning stated that early on as Kevadiya was developing this software we were one of the organizations that provided input based on the work that we do, and we have been using this software since the start up. This is a payment for the software license and maintenance fees, based on current usage.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #25-25 by the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit, as conducted by Rehmann Robson.**

Scott Bennett moved, supported by Candace Mushatt, to approve Resolution #25-25.

Doug Deeter, CPA/Principal at Rehmann presented a PowerPoint of the MTA's audited financial statements which included the independent audit report, an overview of expenses, revenues, and the unrestricted net position of the company. Mr. Deeter made a final recommendation with regard to tracking GASB 101 Compensated Absences.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #25-26 authorizing the General Manager to amend the three-year agreement with One Cloud Services to purchase cloud-based disaster recovery services at an estimated total contract cost of \$362,970.00.**

Scott Bennett moved, supported by James Avery, to approve Resolution #25-26.

Rod Evans stated that this agreement allows us to purchase equipment to further implement our disaster recovery plan and to eliminate two environment pinch points; the lack of internet bandwidth and it will allow for the removal of unvaluable overhead, increase data transfer speed and control the end-to-end connection through our management portal with Windstream. Approval of this agreement will allow us to install that equipment and then continue on with the establishment of our disaster recovery capability.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Quarterly Reports**

Reports were reviewed.

**General Managers Report**

Ed Benning reported on state funding and how it will affect 2026, the development of new services moving forward, and preparing the budget for FY 2026. Mr. Benning further reported on the lack of federal funding opportunities, installation of new software that will change the way that the MTA does business, regional route passenger statistics, and community partnerships.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

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