



MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 BOARD MEETING
*(Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements
this meeting was held via Open Voice Conference Call)*

PRESENT: Bryant Nolden, Luke Zelley, Cathy Lane, Quincy Murphy, Scott Grossmeyer, Tommie Johnson, Joseph King, Glenn Wilson,

ABSENT: Herbert Winfrey, Ted Henry

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Mathews

GUEST: Michael Joliat, MTA Attorney

Chairman Nolden called the Annual Meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

Comments of the Public

None

Approval of the October 22, 2020 Annual/Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Grossmeyer, to approve the October 22, 2020 annual/regular board meeting minutes. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the October 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Wilson, to approve the October 19, 2020 finance committee meeting minutes. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-08 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Mass Transportation Authority for the sale of Building #3 (commonly referred to as the Weld & Restoration Lab) owned by the MTA at 1717 S. Dort Highway to The Disability Network, a 501(c)3 Corporation.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. King, to approve Resolution #21-08. Roll call vote, seven (7) yeas, one abstain; motion passed.

Resolution #21-09 approving the Mass Transportation Authority Pandemic, Epidemic and/or Local Health Emergency Response Policy / Procedure as required by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration Emergency Rules for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Mr. Grossmeyer moved, supported by Mr. Wilson, to approve Resolution #21-09. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #21-10 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with Employee Benefit Services Group for Group Dental Benefits, Group Life Insurance, and Short-Term Disability Benefits for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at a total cost of \$263,364.93 (using current MTA employee enrollment demographics).

Mr. Zelley moved, supported by Ms. Lane, to approve Resolution #21-10. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

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Resolution #21-11 authorizing the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors to accept the MTA Public Transportation Safety Plan for Bus Transit as presented.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #21-11. Roll call vote, eight (8) yeas; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Attorney Michael Joliat

Attorney Michael Joliat requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss multiple cases #19-112235-NI, 20-113776-NF, 19-112337-NI, 19-112448-NF, 20-114089-NO and 20-113806-NF. Attorney Joliat stated that each case is pending litigation and to discuss these cases publicly may jeopardize the ability of the MTA to settle these cases.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Murphy to move into Executive Session for the purpose as stated by Attorney Joliat.

Roll Call Vote:

Bryant Nolden, Luke Zelle, Cathy Lane, Quincy Murphy, Joseph King, Glenn Wilson, Scott Grossmeyer, and Tommie Johnson voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session of the MTA Board was suspended at 8:21 A.M.

Ms. Lane moved, supported by Mr. Wilson, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously

Regular session of the MTA Board reconvened at 8:46 A.M.

Attorney Joliat asked that the board approve the recommendations made on the six cases as presented in closed session. Mr. Murphy moved, supported by Mr. King, to approve the recommendations as made by Attorney Joliat. Motion approved unanimously.

General Managers Report

Mr. Benning updated the board on pending additional partnerships in Rides to Wellness, ridership statistics in all divisions, and on scheduling a virtual board workshop in April 2021 to discuss future funding.

Mr. Grossmeyer thanked Cathy Lane for her service as an MTA board member; Mr. Benning and other board members voiced their appreciation for Ms. Lane, wishing her well in her retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 A.M.
