

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
January 12, 2026**

Place: Metro Administration Building, Kalamazoo, MI
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Richard Congdon, Barbara Blissett
Others Present: Kelly Linton, Bruce Schuur

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

KCTA Members Present: *Curtis Aardema, James Ayers*, Tafari Brown*, Paul Ecklund, Dusty Farmer, Aditya Rama, Gary Sigman, Greg Rosine*
CTA Members Absent: *Tim Sloan*

**Ayers and Brown arrived at the meeting at 11:40 pm.*

A motion was made to excuse Sloan.

*Motion: Rosine Second: Farmer
Motion carried by voice vote.*

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

CCTA Members Present: *Curtis Aardema, Chris Burns, Dusty Farmer, Christyn Johnson, Lisa Mackie, Garrylee McCormick, Greg Rosine*
CCTA Members Absent: *Nicole Beauchamp*

2.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for December 8, 2025.

*KCTA Motion: Ecklund Second: Rosine
CCTA Motion: McCormick Second: Rosine*

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Bruce Schuur spoke regarding exiting bus capabilities at stops during inclement weather.

4.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Planning and Development Committee and did not have any action or informational items for the agenda.

5.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rama reported the Committee had met and reviewed the purchase of two 40' diesel buses from Gillig Corporation.

Discussion took place with regard to the replacement of older buses and the life expectancy of the new buses.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the purchase of two 40' diesel buses from Gillig Corporation in the amount of \$1,547,858 and authorize the Executive Director to sign all related documents

*KCTA Motion: Burns
CCTA Motion: Farmer*

*Second: Rosine
Second: Rosine*

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

KCTA

*Ayes: Aardema, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sigman, Rosine
Nays: None
Absent: Ayers*, Brown* Sloan*

CCTA

*Ayes: Aardema, Burns, Farmer, Johnson, Mackie, McCormick, Rosine
Nays: None
Absent: Beauchamp*

6.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mackie reported that the committee had not met but provided an updated jurisdictional outreach chart and commented that three jurisdictions still needed a Boardmember to attend a community meeting for a presentation. She asked for volunteers.

7.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Aardema stated the Board Operations Committee had reviewed the current agenda and will be working on the Executive Director's employment agreement. He said it should be available for Board consideration within the next few months.

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Exec. Dir. McBride presented an invoice from Kalamazoo County for the cost of the 2025 CCTA Millage renewal question on the November 4, 2025 ballot. He said the CCTA is responsible for reimbursing the jurisdictions within the County that conduct the elections. Exec. Dir. McBride stated the cost was in line with previous election costs and included in the 2025 budget.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the payment of \$119,254.25 to Kalamazoo County for reimbursement of the 2025 CCTA Millage Election costs.

*KCTA Motion: Farmer
CCTA Motion: Mackie*

*Second: Rosiner
Second: Farmer*

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

KCTA

*Ayes: Aardema, Ayers, Brown, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sigman, Rosine
Nays: None
Absent: Sloan*

CCTA

Ayes: Aardema, Burns, Farmer, Johnson, Mackie, McCormick, Rosine
Nays: None
Absent: Beauchamp

Exec. Dir. McBride provided an update on the following topics:

- Kalamazoo Transportation Center Parking
- Fixed-Route Service
- Metro Link Service Zone Expansion Area
- Outreach
- Construction Projects
- Metro Link Update

(A copy of the report is filed with the meeting minutes.)

On-Demand Services Manager Richard Congdon explained the expansion of the Metro Link Service Zone Area. He stated it was a fast-growing mode of transportation in the Kalamazoo area.

9.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee – Aardema shared that KATS would be conducting additional training classes for KATS 101 and invited anyone who was interested in learning more about KATS and its future to sign up. He shared that there were nine improvement projects that were approved including Portage Road

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Meets next week.

On-Demand Ambassador Report – Written report provided.

10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT – No Report.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT – Bruce Schuur inquired about the potential future changes to the Portage route.

12.) MEMBERS TIME – Discussion was made about a Kalamazoo City Commissioner attending the CCTA/KCTA Board meetings as a liaison. Boardmembers echoed Chair Aardema's comment on all the hard work Metro staff always provides.

A motion was made by the KCTA and CCTA to move into closed session to discuss attorney's memorandum regarding the Crossroads Mall lawsuit.

KCTA Motion: Brown
CCTA Motion: Burns

Second: Sigman
Second: McCormick

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 12:15 p.m. the CCTA and KCTA Boards went into closed session.

A motion was made by the KCTA and CCTA to return to open session.

KCTA Motion: Farmer

Second: Ayers

CCTA Motion: Rosine

Second: McCormick

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 12:45 p.m. the CCTA and KCTA Boards came out of closed session.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adjourn the KCTA/CCTA meeting.

KCTA Motion: Rama

Second: Brown

CCTA Motion: McCormick

Second: Johnson

Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.



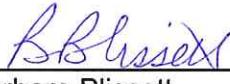
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