

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
February 9, 2026**

Place: Kalamazoo Charter Township, 1720 Riverview Dr., Kalamazoo, MI
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Richard Congdon,
Barbara Blissett
Others Present: Kelly Linton

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

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

** Brown arrived at the meeting at 11:45 am.*

A motion was made to excuse Ayers.

Motion: Farmer Second: Sloan

Motion carried by voice vote.

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

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

CCTA Members Absent: Chris Burns

A motion was made to excuse Burns

Motion: Rosine Second: Farmer

Motion carried by voice vote.

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 February 9, 2026 and meeting minutes of January 12, 2026

*KCTA Motion: Sloan Second: Farmer
CCTA Motion: Rosine Second: Farmer*

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Boardmember Rosine reported the Planning and Development Committee had met to discuss the upcoming KCTA millage question on the November 4th ballot. He said there were two components that needed to be considered 1) the millage amount and 2) the duration of the millage. Rosine stated that recently the State of Michigan had changed the law limiting the length of a millage from five years to six or seven years.

Rosine commented that one of the concerns with extending the millage timeline would be whether the revenue from the millage would be enough to sustain Metro's system for the entire duration considering the possibility of inflation.

5.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rama reported the Committee had met and discussed in detail the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Update and with staff was recommending it for approval by the Board.

Support Services Dir. Vlietstra presented a PowerPoint outlining the updates to the EEO Plan which included:

- Civil Rights
- Dissemination of Information
- Job Group Analysis
- Employment Practices
- Action Programs
- Demographic Summary
- Underutilization

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the 2026 Updated Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

KCTA Motion: Sloan

Second: Sigman

CCTA Motion: McCormick

Second: Beauchamp

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

KCTA

Ayes: Aardema, Brown, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sigman, Sloan, Rosine

Nays: None

Absent: Ayers

CCTA

Ayes: Aardema, Beauchamp, Farmer, Johnson, Mackie, McCormick, Rosine

Nays: None

Absent: Burns

6.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mackie reported that the committee had met and the discussions were regarding more use of social media platforms and the 2026 jurisdictional outreach. She said there were still four areas that had not been covered: Brady Township, Pavilion Township, Climax Township and the Village of Climax.

Comments from several Boardmembers were that even after the rebranding to the name Metro, many times the old name of Metro Transit is being used by news sources, social media and it becomes confusing to individuals.

Chair Aardema suggested having that topic of discussion at the next Committee meeting to brainstorm how to rectify the issue.

7.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Aardema stated the Board Operations Committee had reviewed the current agenda and was working on the Key Performance Indicators (TPI) for the Executive Director's employment agreement.

Chair Aardema reminded everyone that the Legislative Breakfast would be held again in May 2026 instead of Fall due to the millage election in August.

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Cold Weather Update
- Snow Removal
- Human Resources
- Training
- KTC Parking

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

On-Demand Services Manager Richard Congdon stated it was growing at 133% versus the previous year. Congdon said the recent expansion of Metro Link zones has been well received and Metro will continue to look at zones that could use further expansion.

Congdon entertained questions from the Board regarding vehicles not arriving at the correct location for pickup, notifications for boundary expansion, condition of the vehicles, driver complaints and wait times.

9.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee – Aardema shared that KATS had their regular audit and reported it was functioning well and as expected. He said the conversation continued concerning City of Kalamazoo streets and construction scheduled to begin in July. Aardema said KATS discussed the Portage Road rebuild project in the City of Portage to make it more like complete streets with transit, sidewalks and non-motorized traffic.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – No Report.

On-Demand Ambassador Report – Sloan stated Metro Link continues to work on the GPS system for the westside of Kalamazoo.

10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Aardema thanked Kalamazoo Township for hosting the CCTA/KCTA Board meeting. He noted he and Exec. Dir. McBride attended the United Way Blueprint for Peace Housing Access Coalition meeting. The purpose of the coalition is to increase transportation to enhance the quality of life, economic development and have a more peaceful community.

Exec. McBride added that the State Department of Economic Development is focusing on mobility to develop Michigan business opportunities and retain jobs. He said Metro would be applying for a grant to add an intern to staff who would assist with the on-demand services.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT – None

12.) MEMBERS TIME – The Board thanked Boardmember for hosting the meeting at Kalamazoo Township.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

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

*KCTA Motion: Sigman Second: Farmer
CCTA Motion: McCormick Second: Farmer*

Motion carried by voice vote.

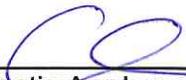
The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.



Curtis Aardema
CCTA Chairperson



Barbara Blissett
CCTA Clerk



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