

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Annual Meeting
March 10, 2025**

Place: Metro Administration Building, Kalamazoo, MI
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Sarah Joshi, Jason Emig, Annette Arkush, Barbara Blissett
Others Present: Phil Doorlag, Earl Cox, Sr.

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

KCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, James Ayers, Tafari Brown*, Paul Ecklund, Dusty Farmer, Aditya Rama, Greg Rosine, Gary Sigman, Tim Sloan
KCTA Members Absent: None

**Brown arrived at 11:35 am.*

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

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

A motion was made to excuse Mackie, Pearson.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Burns

Motion carried by voice vote.

**Johnson arrived at 11:50 am.*

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 March 10, 2025 with the approval of the CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes for February 10, 2025. ...

Motion: McCormick/Burns

Second: Farmer/Ecklund

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) TRANSIT WORKERS DAY – None

Dir. Woodson-Sow read a resolution recognizing Metro workers. She shared that there would be a luncheon later in the week to celebrate Metro employees. Earl Cox Sr., ATU President, was present to accept the resolution.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adopt a Resolution Recognizing March 18, 2025 as Transit Worker Appreciation Day.

Motion: Ecklund

Second: McCormick

Motion carried by a voice vote.

4.) PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5.) PRESENTATION RE: DOWNTOWN STREET PLANNING

Phil Doorlag, Wightman and Associates, shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding Downtown Kalamazoo Street Planning. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the minutes.)

Doorlag explained the upcoming changes that would be taking place downtown including the addition of accessible parking, bus aprons, utility upgrades, new sidewalks, and accessible ramps. Doorlag also explained the different transit elements that may be considered such as bus bulbs, transit lanes, bus stops, shelters, and bus queue jumps. He shared the funding for these projects is pending which is delaying start dates.

Exec. Dir. McBride stated that funding for 2025 had not been impacted yet just delayed due to the current federal transition. Major construction impacts will be felt in 2026 and 2027 once reconstruction starts.

Exec. Dir. McBride shared that during the construction and transition to two-way streets, Metro would need to implement route changes.

The Boards asked various questions about the funding for these projects and thanked Mr. Doorlag for a very informative view of future street projects involving public transportation.

6.) ANNUAL REPORT

Exec. Dir. McBride noted the 2024 Annual Report had been included in the packet and would be mailed to the residents of Kalamazoo County in a few weeks. He provided a PowerPoint presentation, described mobility solutions, profiled who was riding Metro and Metro's annual budget picture. (A copy of the Annual Report is included with the meeting minutes.)

7.) REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Burns stated the Nominating Committee met on March 7th to determine Board leadership for the next two years. He stated the Committee was recommending the following appointments to the CCTA and KCTA Boards.

A motion was made by KCTA to approve the appointment of Curtis Aardema as its Chairperson and Dusty Farmer as its Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Brown Support Rama

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by CCTA to approve the appointment of Curtis Aardema as its Chairperson and Chris Burns as its Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Rosine Support: McCormick

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mackie, Pearson

Chair Aardema thanked Garrylee for his service as CCTA Vice-Chair.

8.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Burns of the Planning and Development Committee reported the Committee had no action items but began discussions regarding upcoming CCTA millage with the goal to determine the millage amount and duration as a recommendation to the Board for what would be presented to the voters in November. He said information would be provided for Board discussion in April with a final decision in May.

9.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Chair Rama reported the Committee didn't have any action items, however, discussed two special topics, Socio-Economic Survey and the Performance Monitoring Metrics Reporting System.

Dep. Dir. of Planning and Development Sarah Joshi gave a synopsis of the recently completed Socio-Economic Survey. (A copy of the survey is included with the minutes.) She said she was pleased with the feedback provided and noted it will be useful to provide and adjust future transit services.

Dir. of Operations Woodson-Sow explained the different look in the Metrics Reports and how they will help share more detailed information to Boardmembers,

Exec. Dir. McBride shared the Safety and Security Team met with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) to discuss how to sustain KDPS and make them more visible at the Kalamazoo Transportation Center (KTC). He said Metro's emphasis on safety and security is an ongoing priority.

10.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair Farmer commented that the Committee met and discussed the 2024 Legislative Breakfast and proposed the date of September 19th. She said they also determined the 2025 Satellite Board meetings would be held at Kalamazoo Township and Parchment, dates to be announced.

11.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair Aardema reported the Committee met and reviewed the current agenda along with a Resolution of Intent for the annual FY 2026 MDOT Grant Funds.

Dir. of Support Services Vlietstra provided background information regarding the annual grant funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adopt Resolution No. 25-002, a RESOLUTION OF INTENT to apply for annual grant funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2026 and authorize the Executive Director to execute documents related to this action.

Motion: Burns/Johnson Support: Rama/Farmer

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

12.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Route Adjustments
- Road Construction and Other Projects
- Social Media Outreach
- Federal Updates
- Metro Link Update

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

13) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee – Rama shared that KATS finalized the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said they discussed concerns over future federal funding and the review process. Aardema remarked about the changes that were coming to Business Route 131.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Did not meet.

14.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT – No Report.

15.) PUBLIC COMMENT – None

16.) MEMBERS TIME – Boardmembers thanked Phil Doorlag for the informative presentation and welcomed Nicole Beauchamp to the CCTA. Chair Aardema thanked Garrylee for his long-term service as CCTA Vice-Chair.

17.) ADJOURNMENT

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


Motion: Burns

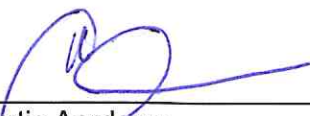
Support: Farmer

Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.


Curtis Aardema
CCTA Chairperson


Barbara Blissett
CCTA Clerk


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