

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Joint Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2026**

Place: Metro Administration Building  
Time: 11:30 A.M.  
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Richard Congdon,  
Scott Robinson  
Others Present: Kelly Linton

**1.) KCTA ROLL CALL**

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

*A motion was made to excuse Ayers, Rosine, Sloan*  
*Motion: Farmer Second: Rama*  
*Motion carried by voice vote.*

**1.) CCTA ROLL CALL**

*CCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Nicole Beauchamp, Dusty Farmer, Christyn Johnson, Tristen Mabin, Lisa Mackie, Garrylee McCormick, Brendan Pizzala, Terry Urban*

*CCTA Members Absent: Chris Burns, Greg Rosine*

*A motion was made to excuse Burns, Rosine*  
*Motion: Farmer Second: Johnson*  
*Motion carried by voice vote.*

**2.) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CCTA BOARDMEMBERS**

Chair Aardema introduced the newly appointed CCTA Boardmember Terry Urban.

Boardmember Urban remarked on his earlier years helping to transition Metro Transit from the City of Kalamazoo to the CCTA. He said he was looking forward to contributing his experience to the current joint Authorities.

**3.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for May 11, 2026. and minutes of April 13, 2026.*

*KCTA Motion: Sigman Second: Farmer*  
*CCTA Motion: Mackie Second: Beauchamp*  
*Motion carried by voice vote.*

**4.) PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**



## **9.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Exec. Dir. McBride provided an update on the following topics: (A copy of the report is filed with the meeting minutes.)

- Rider Open House
- Human Resources
- United Way Partnership
- Diesel Fuel

On-Demand Services Manager Richard Congdon reported Metro Link. He explained how the Metro Link app worked for planning trips, however, he noted that for those individuals who did not have a smart phone, that a phone call could reserve a ride as well.

Congdon shared the recent numbers for Metro Connect and implementation of new scheduling and telephone features. He said that now passengers will be able to schedule, check on their rides and see vehicle locations in real time.

## **10.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee –Rama shared that KATS had discussed the five Transit Improvement Projects (TIP) and future signage.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – No Report.

On-Demand Ambassador Report – Memo included in meeting minutes.

**11.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – No report.

**12.) PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**13.) MEMBERS TIME** – The Boardmembers welcomed Boardmember Urban.

Boardmember Paul Ecklund announced that he would be resigning from the KCTA Board effective immediately. He said he had enjoyed working with everyone but now would be enjoying retirement from his position at Disability Network. Ecklund commented that he would encourage the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to consider Kelly Linton from Disability Network to fill his position.

Boardmembers congratulated Ecklund on his retirement and said he would be missed as a member of the KCTA.

## **14.) ADJOURNMENT**

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

*KCTA Motion: Brown*

*Second: Sigman*


*CCTA Motion: McCormick*

*Second: Urban*


*Motion carried by voice vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

  
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CCTA Chairperson

  
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CCTA Clerk

  
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