

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
June 8, 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: Francis Bilancio, Earl Cox, Sr., Antonio McMillon

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

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

**Farmer left the meeting at 12:10 pm.*

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

CCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Chris Burns, Dusty Farmer, Christyn Johnson, Garrylee McCormick*, Brendan Pizzala, Greg Rosine, Terry Urban

CCTA Members Absent: Nicole Beauchamp, Tristen Mabin, Lisa Mackie

A motion was made to excuse Beauchamp, Mabin, Mackie

Motion: Burns Second: Farmer

Motion carried by voice vote.

**McCormick arrived at 11:40 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 June 8, 2026. and minutes of May 11, 2026.

KCTA Motion: Sloan

Second: Rosine

CCTA Motion: Johnson

Second: Rosine

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Francois Bilancio, 746 S. 4th St., Texas Township spoke regarding the need for public transportation to extend to Texas Township because of the growing population and businesses. He asked for service extensions of Routes 11 and 26.

4.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Ayers stated the Committee had no action items; however, CEO McBride would be presenting an overview of the State and Federal Funding that Metro receives.

CEO McBride provided a PowerPoint on State and Federal funding received by Metro and how it is utilized. (A copy of the PowerPoint is included with the meeting minutes.)

The Board inquired about the competitive grant process, and how the different funds are used for bus purchases and various programs offered by Metro.

CEO McBride responded to an inquiry about competitive grants and how to be competitive in the future. He said there were several factors that have made receiving competitive grants successful over the past three or four years:

- 1) Millage support
- 2) Jurisdictional and Key Partner support
- 3) Legislative support
- 4) Spend State and Federal allocated dollars correctly

5.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rama reported the Committee had met and discussed upcoming agenda and received reports from Scott Friedrich regarding Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and Rob Branch regarding Metro's Fleet Overview.

Dir. of Fleet and Facilities Rob Branch gave a PowerPoint presentation of Metro's current fleet of vehicles. (A copy of the PowerPoint is included with a copy of the meeting minutes.)

6.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

CEO McBride noted the External Relations Committee discussed KCTA Millage Education Update for the upcoming transit millage election.

7.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Aardema stated the Committee had met and reviewed the current agenda. He said the Committee had discussed that the upcoming rotation of Board Officers as described in the with the implementation of the Governance process. He noted with the resignation of Paul Ecklund that there would be an opportunity for a CCTA Boardmember to become a dual Boardmember.

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Mobility Fellow
- Grant Application
- Safety and Security Initiatives
- Diesel Fuel

On-Demand Services Manager Richard Congdon reported Metro Link. He said that some of the numbers reflected a major interruption of Verizon's services on April 23rd for a good portion of the day. He said they were working on a contingency plan for any future outages. Congdon said the service continues to grow and service will be assessed for possible expansion in vehicles, zones and hours.

Congdon shared the recent numbers for Metro Connect and implementation of new scheduling and telephone features that he would be able to demonstrate at the next Board meeting.

9.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Pension Board – Will meet Thursday, June 11th.

KATS Policy Committee –Did not meet.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – No Report.

On-Demand Ambassador Report – No Report.

10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Chair Aardema reminded Boardmembers that there would be no meeting in July and the next meeting would take place on Monday, August 10th.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT – None

12.) MEMBERS TIME – Sloan encouraged everyone to vote on August 4th. Rosine also encouraged everyone to vote and as a reminder, donations could be made to help underscore the efforts of the Citizens for Community Transportation.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

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

KCTA Motion: Ayers

Second: Brown

CCTA Motion: McCormick

Second: Johnson

Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.



Curtis Aardema
CCTA Chairperson



Barbara Blissett
CCTA Clerk



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KCTA Chairperson



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