

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
June 9, 2025**

Place: Metro Administration Building, Kalamazoo, MI
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Sarah Joshi,
Richard Congdon, Vera Younger, Barbara Blissett
Others Present: 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

**Farmer left the meeting at 12:38 pm.*

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

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

CCTA Members Absent: None

**Johnson arrived at 11:42 am.*

***Farmer left the meeting at 12:38 pm.*

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 9, 2025 with the approval of the CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes from May 12, 2025.

Motion: Rosine

Second: Sloan

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Ayers reported the Committee would be meeting the following week to begin discussion on the 2026-2027 CCTA/KCTA budget.

5.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Chair Rama shared the Committee had met and discussed upcoming items, roles and responsibilities.

They discussed topics for future meetings which included contract reviews, bus purchases, Metro Connect, Metro Link and Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA).

6.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair Mackie reported the Committee reviewed the policy and charge of the Committee. She said they discussed the 2025-2026 plan for community outreach including the community informational report and the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for September 19th and provided an update about the Committee's proposed outreach plans for jurisdictional visits in 2025. Mackie commented that a focus would also be to help recruit vacant rural positions on the CCTA.

7.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Dir of Support Services Vlietstra shared a PowerPoint presentation explaining the difference between the State and Federal grants, the amounts available and the process to acquire them. He said the percentages awarded are currently Federal at 80% and State at 20%. (A copy of the PowerPoint is included with the meeting minutes.)

Exec. Dir. McBride provided a PowerPoint presentation to refresh/reorient the Board on the Governance Fine-Tuning Initiative, including the importance of the Committee structure.

Exec. Dir. McBride explained that in 2022 the Board conducted a governance process facilitation by consultant Doug Eadie, who specialized in working with public transit agencies on board governance. He said some of the goals for governance reorganization were:

- Ensure adequate attention to governing decisions and judgements;
- Make Board meetings more productive;
- Provide Board members with a more satisfying governing experience;
- Provide forums for mapping out Board member engagement processes;
- Capitalize more fully the On-Board members' experience, expertise, talents, and diverse perspectives; and,
- Develop well-rounded Boardmember experiences to enable and promote regular Board leadership rotation

(A copy of the PowerPoint is included with the meeting minutes.)

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Route Adjustments
- Human Resources
- Outreach
- Training
- Kalamazoo Arts Council – Mural
- Metro Link Update

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

Exec. Dir. McBride shared that Metro held an open house Job Fair with approximately 66 applicants applying for various positions in Operations and Maintenance.

