

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
August 11, 2025**

Place: Metro Administration Building, Kalamazoo, MI
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Cheryl Pesti,
Richard Congdon, Annette Arkush, Barbara Blissett
Others Present: Mike Kosciuk, Michelle Cooper, Dave Sciacca, 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

KCTA Members Absent: Tim Sloan

** Brown arrived at the meeting at 11:55 am*

** Ecklund left the meeting at 1:05 pm.*

A motion was made to excuse Sloan.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Rosine

Motion carried by voice vote.

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

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

CCTA Members Absent: Nicole Beauchamp

A motion was made to excuse Beauchamp.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Mackie

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 August 11, 2025 with the approval of the CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes from June 9, 2025.

Motion: McCormick

Second: Farmer

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS – Michelle Cooper thanked Metro for providing additional service on the West Main Route. And, she also commented on the Metro Link booking app and GPS system being occasionally inaccurate, making it difficult for customers in the West Main/Maple Hill area.

4.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Ayers reported the Committee met with discussion on the annual CCTA Pension and OPEB valuations.

Dir. of Support Services Vlietstra introduced Mike Kosciuk, GRS, who presented the CCTA Pension Plan Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2024 and the City of Kalamazoo Postretirement Welfare Benefits Plan (OPEB) as of January 1, 2025. (A PowerPoint is included with the minutes and materials on the presentation are available on the website www.kmetro.com).

A motion was made to receive the CCTA Pension Plan Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2024 and the City of Kalamazoo Postretirement Welfare Benefits Plan (OPEB) as of January 1, 2025.

Motion: Sigman

Second: Farmer

Motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Chair Ayers stated the Planning and Development Committee had met to discuss the upcoming budget with the emphasis on future funding to maintain current service levels.

Exec. Dir. McBride presented a PowerPoint on the FY 2026 and 2027 budgets. Exec. Dir. McBride noted there would be budget Small Group Meetings for Boardmembers prior to the September 9th public hearing.

A motion was made by the CCTA and KCTA to adopt Resolution 25-001 scheduling a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 to consider the CCTA FY 2026 and FY 2027 Budgets.

Motion: Farmer/McCormick

Support: Farmer/Sigman

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Ayers, Brown, Burns, Ecklund, Farmer, Johnson, Mackie, McCormick, , Pearson, Rama, Rosine, Sigman, Rosine, Aardema

Nays: None

Absent: Beauchamp, Sloan

5.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Rama shared that the Committee had met with the discussion centering on the Support Services Agreement with the City of Kalamazoo.

Dir. Vlietstra reviewed the new three-year Support Services Agreement extension with the City of Kalamazoo. He provided background on the last six years of the City providing financial, human resources and IT services. Vlietstra stated the contract amount showed an increase of 9.5% for the first year but is due to the increased cost of software agreements paid by the City of Kalamazoo, with the remaining two years being in line with inflationary costs. He said it has been a good relationship with the City and if Metro had to in-source these services, it would likely be a major increase in cost.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve a three-year Support Services Agreement with the City of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$2,150,578 and authorize the Executive Director to sign all necessary documents.

Motion: Rosine/Burns

Second: Rosine/Sigman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Ayes: Ayers, Brown, Burns, Ecklund, Farmer, Johnson, Mackie, McCormick, ,
 Pearson, Rama, Rosine, Sigman, Rosine, Aardema
Nays: None
Absent: Beauchamp, Sloan

6.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Mackie reported the Committee did not meet due to unforeseen but planning was continuing for the Legislative Breakfast and preparing for Boardmember outreach to local jurisdictions.

7.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair Aardema said the Board Operations Committee met and reviewed the August 11 agenda along with the Executive Director's performance evaluation process. He stated the individual committee would review the past year's performance along with goals met and those planned for the next year. Then the Committees would provide their input to the Board Operations Committee for a compensation recommendation to bring to the Board for final approval.

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Human Resources
- Outreach
- Training
- Federal Transportation Administration – Drug and Alcohol Audit
- Sprinkle Road Corridor
- Partnerships
- Kalamazoo Transportation Center - Construction
- Metro Link Update

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

9) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee – Did not meet

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Farmer reported no updates.

On-Demand Ambassador Report – No Report

10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT – No report.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT – None

12.) MEMBERS TIME – None.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: McCormick

Support: Brown

Motion carried by voice vote.


The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.



Curtis Aardema
CCTA Chairperson



Barbara Blissett
CCTA Clerk



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KCTA Chairperson



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