

**Meeting Minutes**  
**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Joint Regular Meeting**  
**December 13, 2021**

Place: Metro Administration Building, 530 N. Rose Street  
Time: 11:30 A.M.  
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Kathy Schultz, Cindy DeYoung, Terecita Potts, Barbara Blissett  
Others Present: Earl Cox, Sr., Marcus Mays, Ken Hovenkamp, Michael Martin, Michael Krafcik, Phillip Bennett, Devin Warren, Melinda Vanderbilt, Norene Devries, Jeff Hamilton, Jermaine King

*"A regular meeting of the Central County Transportation Authority and the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority was held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. This meeting was held as an in-person and electronic meeting.*

**1.) KCTA ROLL CALL**

*KCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Jeff Breneman, Dusty Farmer, Aditya Rama, Tim Sloan, Sam Urban, Greg Rosine*

*KCTA Members Absent: Tafari Brown, Martin Janssen*

*A motion was made by the KCTA to excuse the absence of Brown and Janssen.*

*Motion: Farmer Second: Aardema*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

**1.) CCTA ROLL CALL**

*CCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Rob Britigan, Chris Burns, Dusty Farmer, Garrylee McCormick, Lisa Moaiery, Jim Pearson Randy Thompson, Greg Rosine*

*CCTA Members Absent: Martin Janssen*

*A motion was made by the CCTA to excuse the absence of Janssen.*

*Motion: Farmer Second: Aardema*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

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

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and the CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes of November 8, 2021.*

*Motion: Sloan Support: Thompson*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Aardema, Breneman, Britigan, Burns, Farmer, McCormick, Moaiery, Pearson, Rama, Sloan, Thompson, Urban, Rosine*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Brown, Janssen*

### **3, 4 & 5) COMMENTS REGARDING NOVEMBER 27 SHOOTING INCIDENT**

Chair Rosine spoke concerning the November 27<sup>th</sup> shooting at the Kalamazoo Transportation Center (KTC). He commended the courage of the Metro drivers, staff, and security officers. Chair Rosine shared that Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers responded within minutes taking control of the situation and ending the incident. He said this was an event that would have a lasting effect on everyone involved and if anyone needed mental health services to let someone know.

Chair Rosine stated that the safety and security at the KTC has been a topic of discussion for quite some time. He referred to a letter from Executive Director McBride, Earl Cox Sr., ATU President and himself to the leadership of the City of Kalamazoo expressing the need to work together to develop a plan for the ongoing safety of the KTC, our customers and employees. Chair Rosine said a letter of response from Chief Coakley committing to the City's willingness to work with Metro moving forward to better the situation was provided to the Boardmembers.

Chair Rosine introduced Chaplains Marcus Mays and Ken Hovenkamp who were called immediately to the KTC when the shooting incident occurred. He asked them to speak about their experience concerning the incident

Chaplain Marcus Mays shared that he was out of town when the shooting occurred and immediately called Hovenkamp to go to the KTC and offer counseling. He stated that it was a heart-wrenching occurrence. He said there would be counseling services available for anyone.

Chaplain Ken Hovenkamp shared his response to the incident and thoughts about the healing process to begin for those needing emotional support.

Earl Cox, Sr., thanked the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety for arriving so quickly on the scene and taking control of the situation. He commended, security services, drivers and staff who were amazing in removing the buses from the area along with as many people as possible.

### **6.) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Philip Bennett spoke regarding his experience during the shooting incident and being one of the individuals who was wounded.

Devin Warren???? commented on the efficiency of everyone during the shooting incident. She agreed that there needs to be a plan of action formulated to be prepared in the future. Warren stated safety for everyone had to be a number one priority.

Melinda Vanderbilt stated that being a former Metro driver and hearing about what was taking place was horrifying. She said she knew that it would be a lifechanging experience for her coworkers. She reiterated that seeing a police presence at the KTC promotes a feeling of security and something more needed to be done for safety around the area of the KTC.

Jermaine King encouraged all divisions of Metro and the Boards to work together to institute a security plan for the KTC and surrounding area.

Noreen Devries spoke about the incident and thanked everyone for their heroic measures to keep those at the KTC as safe as possible.

### **7.) UPDATE AND BOARD DISCUSSION ON SHOOTING INCIDENT**

Exec. Dir. McBride provided an update to the November 27<sup>th</sup> KTC shooting incident and shared that members of the national ATU organization came to Kalamazoo to assist and offer counseling to staff for the trauma they experienced. Exec. Dir. McBride added that there were additional

resources available throughout the community. He agreed that being the KTC is a major component and necessary service to the community it needs to have a police presence surrounding the area. He said the letter received from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety committed to working with Metro to provide what was needed.

Exec. Dir. McBride proposed a task force be formed including ATU, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Security Plus Security Firm and Integrated Services of Kalamazoo (ISK) to evaluate and form a plan of action.

Exec. Dir. gave a chronological outline of security presence at the KTC since 2016 and the transition to the Central County Transportation Authority.

Discussion ensued among Boardmembers concerning the incident and their vision for security in the future at the KTC.

### **8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Exec. Dir. McBride provided information on the following topics:

- Human Resources
- Comprehensive Operational Analysis
- Bus Purchases
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Outreach
- Ridership Reports
- KTC Security Report

Attached to the minutes is the summary memo and updates provided to the Boards.

### **7.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee – Chair Rosine stated the Executive Committee reviewed the current meeting agenda and discussed the appointment of a Nominating Committee for leadership positions. Chair Rosine asked that anyone interested in serving on the committee to let him know.

Finance Subcommittee (joint with KCTA) – Did not meet.

Pension Board – Burns reported the current status of the pension system was in good standing within the current market.

KATS Policy Committee – Aardema reported on current road projects including those that were affecting Metro routes.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Did not meet.

**8.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – No Report

**9.) PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**10.) MEMBERS TIME** – Boardmembers thanked everyone for their efforts during the recent shooting incident and looked forward to a plan for more security at the KTC.

**11.) ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Motion: McCormick*

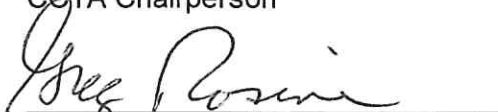
*Support: Thompson*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.



Greg Rosine  
CCTA Chairperson



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KCTA Chairperson



Barbara Blissett  
CCTA Clerk



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