

**Meeting Minutes**  
**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**Joint Annual Meeting**  
**March 8, 2021**

Place: Metro Administration Building, 530 N. Rose Street  
Time: 11:30 A.M.  
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Kathy Schultz, Katie Shafer, Barbara Blissett  
Others Present: Representative Julie Rogers, Peter Dickow (for Senator Gary Peters),  
Representative Christine Morse, Senator Sean McCann, Earl Cox, Sr.,  
Alisha Lewis, Jeff Hamilton

*"A regular meeting of the Central County Transportation Authority and the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. This meeting was held as an electronic meeting under the authority of Senate Bill 1246 adopted December 15, 2020, Amending the Open Meetings Act for Participation in Public Meetings."*

**1.) KCTA ROLL CALL**

*KCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema (City of Portage), Jeff Breneman (City of Kalamazoo), Tafari Brown (Comstock Township), Dusty Farmer, (Oshtemo Township), Martin Janssen (City of Grand Rapids), Aditya Rama (City of Kalamazoo), Tim Sloan (Oshtemo Township), Greg Rosine, (City of Kalamazoo)*

*KCTA Members Absent: Sam Urban*

*A motion was made by KCTA to excuse the absence of Sam Urban.*

*Motion: Sloan*

*Support: Aardema*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Aardema, Breneman, Brown, Farmer, Janssen, Rama, Sloan, Rosine*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Urban*

**1). CCTA ROLL CALL**

*CCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema (City of Portage), Rob Bricker (Cooper Township), Rob Britigan (Comstock Township), Chris Burns (City of Portage), Dusty Farmer (Oshtemo Township), Martin Janssen (City of Grand Rapids), Lisa Moalery (Kalamazoo Township), Jim Pearson, (City of Portage), Randy Thompson, (Comstock Township), Greg Rosine (City of Kalamazoo)*

*CCTA Members Absent: Garrylee McCormick*

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

*Motion: Farmer*

*Support: Janssen*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Aardema, Bricker, Britigan, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Thompson, Rosine*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: McCormick*

## **2.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for March 8, 2021.*

*Motion: Sloan/Aardema*

*Support: Farmer/Janssen*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Aardema, Breneman, Bricker, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Rama, Sloan, Thompson, Rosine*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: McCormick*

## **3.) INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES**

Chair Rosine introduced and welcomed State and Federal legislators serving Kalamazoo County, and thanked them for taking the time to attend the Annual CCTA/KCTA meeting: State Senator Sean McCann, Representative Christine Morse, Representative Julie Rogers and Peter Dickow representing State Senator Gary Peters.

## **4.) METRO ANNUAL REPORT**

Exec. Dir. McBride presented the 2020 Metro Annual Report. He presented a PowerPoint reviewing the past year's events, accomplishments and challenges during the pandemic. A copy of the Annual Report and PowerPoint are on file with the meeting minutes.

## **5.) LEGISLATIVE GUESTS AND COMMENTS**

Chair Rosine invited comments from the legislators who were attending the annual meeting.

Senator McCann expressed his support for public transportation and commitment to promoting funding for public transit during State budget talks and whenever possible. He also thanked Metro for its continuing to provide service during the pandemic.

Representative Rogers commented that she and Representative Morse have been long-time supporters of a public transit and the millage. She said Metro had stepped up to the plate during this pandemic challenge and made it work even with the financial constraints.

Representative Morse thanked Metro for providing public transit throughout her district. She congratulated the CCTA for the passage of the millage in 2020. Morse also shared her commitment to supporting public transit funding during the State's budget talks.

Peter Dickow representing Senator Peters, thanked Metro staff and drivers for their continued perseverance during the pandemic and offered continued support of public transportation.

Earl Cox, Sr., ATU President, commented by saying thank you to the legislative representatives for their support of Metro and public transportation.

**6). FY 2022 GRANT FUNDING FROM MDOT**

Exec. Dir. McBride stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) provides the largest funding source for the public transit system. He said every year it is necessary to adopt a Resolution of Intent prior to applying for grant funding. Exec. Dir. McBride said that, as required, the notice would be published in the local newspaper for public comment.

Exec. Dir. McBride shared that grant funding from MDOT was important for the Community Service Van Program, Ridesharing activities, Mobility Management, and capital purchases.

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adopt a Resolution of Intent for the purpose of applying for annual grant funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2022.*

*Motion: Sloan/Aardema                      Support: Britigan/Farmer*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes:                      Aardema, Breneman, Bricker, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Rama, Sloan, Thompson, Rosine*

*Nays:                      None*

*Absent:                      McCormick, Urban*

**7). TITLE VI PROGRAM OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

Kathy Schultz, Planning and Development Manager provided a brief explanation of the Title VI Program of the Civil Rights Act and how Metro is required to review the Title VI Plan and approve by the Boards every three years to qualify for funding from the Federal Transit Administration. Schultz explained that Title VI ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation, be denied benefits thereof, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any Metro programs or activities. A copy of the Title VI Program and Procedures in on file with the meeting minutes.

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the Title VI Program and Procedures for grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration.*

*Motion: Sloan/Breneman                      Support: Aardema/Thompson*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes:                      Aardema, Breneman, Bricker, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Rama, Sloan, Thompson, Rosine*

*Nays:                      None*

*Absent:                      McCormick, Urban*

**8.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes for February 8, 2021.*

*Motion: Sloan                      Support Breneman*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

Ayes: Aardema, Breneman, Bricker, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Rama, Sloan, Thompson, Rosine  
Nays: None  
Absent: McCormick, Urban

**9). REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Janssen reported that the CCTA/KCTA Nominating Committee had met and determined to continue with the current slate of officers for the coming year. He said that moving forward consideration should be given to invite other boardmembers to serve in future officer positions. Janssen said subcommittee selections would be made at the May board meeting.

*A motion was made by KCTA to approve the appointment of Greg Rosine as its Chairperson and Martin Janssen as its Vice-Chairperson.*

*Motion: Sloan Support Breneman*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

Ayes: Aardema, Breneman, Brown, Farmer, Janssen, Rama, Sloan, Rosine  
Nays: None  
Absent: Urban

*A motion was made by CCTA to approve the appointment of Greg Rosine as its Chairperson and Garrylee McCormick as its Vice-Chairperson.*

*Motion: Thompson Support Aardema*

*Motion carried by roll call vote.*

Ayes: Aardema, Bricker, Britigan, Burns, Farmer, Janssen, Moaiery, Pearson, Thompson, Rosine  
Nays: None  
Absent: McCormick

Prior to the motions, discussion took place regarding the opportunity to invite other boardmembers to serve in an officer position.

**10.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee – Chair Rosine reported the committee met to discuss the current agenda,

Finance Subcommittee (joint with KCTA) – No meeting.

Outreach Subcommittee (joint with KCTA) – No meeting.

Pension Board – Will meet Thursday.

KATS Policy Committee – Aardema reported KATS updated their street projects.

Millage Subcommittee – No meeting.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – No meeting.

