



Proposed Meeting Summary Board of Directors

Thursday, May 15, 2025

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 1:01 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Board of Directors members	Government Entity	Attendance Status
Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	P
Freman Hendrix (Secretary)	City of Detroit	P
June Lee	Wayne County	A
Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	P
Jon Moore	Macomb County	P
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	P
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	A
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	P
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	P

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RTA Representatives Present:

Ben Stupka, Rachel Schmuhl, Melanie Piana, Julia Roberts, Corri Wofford, Kristin Caffray, Isaac Constans, Dasia Mack, Kameron Bloye

Other Meeting Participants:

Michelle Hodges – Rehmann

Ryan Bridges - MMA

3. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Vice Chair Morandini and supported by Member Bradshaw. The agenda for May 15, 2025, was approved. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	Y
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Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	Y
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4. Public Comment

Robert Pawlowski – As Vice Chair of the RTA’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Pawlowski requested increasing transparency in knowledge sharing from the Board, primarily in receiving updates on policy and projects. Pawlowski also mentioned that the CAC is planning to conduct “ride-alongs” on RTA services.

5. Executive Directors Report

- Executive Director Stupka presented the following topics:
 - DAX Survey
 - Administration
 - Communications
 - Website
 - Core Business – Planning
 - Initiatives
 - QLINE Performance: Ridership, On-Time, Delays, Safety
 - D2A2 & DAX
 - Strategy & Strategic Plan Schedule
- Secretary Hendrix asked if the lower ridership numbers in January and February are due to weather.
 - Executive Director Stupka answered affirmatively.
- Chair Massaron asked for a more detailed explanation of the metrics on the “QLINE Performance – On Time” slide.

- Executive Director Stupka explained the bar graphs in more detail, noting the differentiation between “target” and “actual” metrics, along with the on-time performance categories.
- Vice Chair Morandini asked what causes QLINE delays, specifically regarding cars driving on the tracks.
 - Executive Director Stupka answered that people parking/stopping on the tracks is the most consequential for QLINE performance. He also noted that RTA/QLINE is in contact with the Detroit Police Department (DPD) for support.
- Member Bradshaw asked about accidents, specifically if there was an increase in accidents in CY 2025.
 - Executive Director Stupka explained that there had not been an increase in accidents in 2025.
- Secretary Hendrix asked how many buses run over a 24-hour period.
 - Executive Director Stupka answered that 16 round trips run every 24 hours.
- Member Staebler asked about the cost to fund the DAX pilot.
 - Executive Director Stupka answered that it is about \$2 million per year.
- Member Zack asked about fare prices for DAX and the park-and-ride.
 - Executive Directors explained the following breakdown of DAX fares:
 - \$8 at the door, \$6 if you purchase in advance
 - Discounts: \$4 for seniors, people with disabilities, students, and youth (ages 2-17)
 - Frequent riders' discounts:
 - Book of 10 passes: \$50 (\$5 per ride)
 - Book of 50 passes: \$100 (\$2 per ride)

6. Presentations

- There were no additional presentations.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of March & April 2025 Board Meeting Summaries

b. Acceptance of Procurement Advisory Notice

- Moved by Member Moore and supported by Secretary Hendrix. The consent agenda was approved unanimously. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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8. Regular Agenda

a. Approval of March & April 2025 Financial Reports

- Michelle Hodges from Rehmann presented the March & April 2025 Financial Reports.
- Vice Chair Morandini asked a clarifying question about the budget breakdown regarding the calendar and fiscal year discrepancy.
- Vice Chair Morandini also asked if the RTA anticipates continuing to be under budget and if this difference can be carried into the next fiscal year's budget.
 - Michelle Hodges answered affirmatively but noted the local bus operating funding discrepancy.
- Moved by Member Staebler and supported by Secretary Hendrix. The regular agenda was approved. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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b. Approval of FY 2025 Federal Formula Funding

- Executive Director Stupka and Planning and Innovation Director, Julia Roberts, presented the FY 2025 Federal Formula Funding overview.
- Member Bradshaw asked if Roberts could explain and clarify how cities within operating regions can receive funding.
 - Planning and Innovation Director Roberts mentioned that the application asked specific questions that may illicit responses as to how the municipalities or community providers are coordinating with the counties and county-wide providers.
- Moved by Member Zack and supported by Member Bradshaw. The FY2025 Federal Formula Funding was approved. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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9. New Business

- Secretary Hendrix noted that there is demand for adding a D2A2 stop at Michigan Central/Newlab, asking the RTA to evaluate. More precisely, Hendrix noted that this stop has been requested at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Rosa Parks Boulevard.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.