

**Approved Meeting Summary
Board of Directors**

Thursday, September 19, 2024
1:00 PM

1. Call to order at 1:05 PM

- 2. Roll Call:** Jeannette Bradshaw; Helaine Zack; Freman Hendrix, Alma Smith; Erica Robertson; Ned Staebler (virtual); Jon Moore; Don Morandini; Dave Massaron; June Lee. A quorum was present.

RTA Representatives Present:

Ben Stupka; Julia Roberts, Corri Wofford; Khalil Davis; Melanie Piana; Kameron Bloye; Isaac Constans; Kristin Caffray; Shauna Morris; Travis Grubb.

Other Meeting Participants:

Morrow and Associates – RTA Consultant
Dykema – M1 Rail / QLINE legal representation
Miller Canfield – RTA legal
WSP – RTA Planning Consultant
Lisa Nuskowski – M1 Rail, CEO
Michelle Hodges, Rehmann – RTA Consultant
Michael Staley - DDOT

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Helaine Zack and supported by Don Morandini. The September 19, 2024 agenda was approved.

4. Public Comment

- Michael Cunningham II, provided a comment on advocacy for bus coaches.
- Robert Pawlowski commented publicly on RTA's leadership in improving transit across the region and voiced his support for QLINE.
- TRU Engagement Director Lukas Lasecki supported the QLINE becoming a public service under the RTA.

5. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Stupka presented the Executive Directors Report to the Board, providing a summary concerning:

- Access to Transit Plan public engagement activities underway and attending events across the region
- Executive Director was accepted into the Association Public Transit Association (APTA) national Executive Leadership program, a one-year program that starts September 2024.
- Team members will represent the RTA at multiple conferences in September, including the Move America Conference, Julia Roberts, and Khalil Davis; Melanie Piana and Kristin Caffray will attend the Michigan Association Planning conference in Grand Rapids, and Ben Stupka will be a panelist at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business Forum on September 23.
- Introduction of new Procurements and Contracts Manager, Travis Grubb, started seven weeks ago and is already having a positive impact.
- Executive Assistant Shauna Morris accepted a new opportunity with Wayne County and will depart after six years of service to the RTA.

6. **Presentations**

- a. Corri Wofford, External Affairs Director, presented an overview of RTA's communication and engagement growth and unveiled a new brand identity with a new logo, colors, and tagline.
- b. Julia Roberts, Planning and Innovation Director, presented on D2A2 success key performance indicators, including incredible rider satisfaction with the express bus service.

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of the July 2024 Board Meeting Summary
- b. Approval of the July and August 2024 Financial Reports
- c. Approval of Audit Services Notice of Award Approval of D2A2 Contract Assignment
Moved by Freeman Hendrix and supported by Jon Moore, the September 2024 Consent Agenda items were passed unanimously.

8. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Approval of QLINE Street Railway System Transfer & Purchase Agreement Resolution



Moved by Alma Smith and seconded by Erica Robertson, and passed unanimously.

b. **Approval of QLINE Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Resolution**

Moved by Jon Moore, seconded by Helaine Zack, and the agenda item passed unanimously.

c. **Approval of QLINE Related Administrative Contracts**

The item passed unanimously, moved by Erica Robertson and supported by Freeman Hendrix.

9. **Public Hearing- Budget Presentation**

Chair Massaron opened the public hearing for the FY2025 Budget Presentation at 1:50pm, moved by Helaine Zack and seconded by Don Morandini.

Executive Director Ben Stupka presented the FY2024-25 Budget and Business Plan for RTA and QLINE's strategic priorities and streetcar operations.

Public Comment:

- Robert Pawlowski, Vice Chair of the RTA Citizens Advisory Council and transit advocate, voiced support for the SOAR legislative bill and encouraged the RTA not to support public dollars to pay for services that Detroiters won't use; expressed support for the Mobility Wallet program.
- Lucas Lacksi commented on the easy to understand RTA budget.

Moved by Alma Wheeler-Smith and supported by Erica Robertson, to adopt the RTA's FY2024-2025 Budget and Business Plan.

10. **New Business**

There was no new business.

11. **Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM**

