



**Proposed Meeting Summary**  
**Board of Directors**  
 February 19, 2026  
 1:00 PM

**1. Call to Order at 1:09 PM.**

**2. Roll Call:**

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

*Absent (A); Present (P); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)*

**RTA Representatives Present:**

Ben Stupka, Rachel Schmuhl, Julia Roberts, Corri Wofford, Mshadoni Smith-Jackson, Kristin Caffray, Isaac Constans, Dasia Mack, Jonathan Shead, Rebecca Donnelly-Lasecki, Melanie Piana

**Other Meeting Participants:**

Michelle Hodges – Rehmann  
 Ryan Bridges, Mario Morrow, Sr. – MMA

**3. Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Hendrix and supported by Bradshaw. The agenda for February 19, 2026, was approved. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

- Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)

#### **4. Public Comment**

- Transit rider calling for a broader transit vision for the region. Wants to live in a region that prioritizes transit. Encourages regional ballot initiative. The commenter requested their 5<sup>th</sup> amendment right not to leave their name.

#### **5. Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director Stupka presented his Directors report to the board. Key highlights include QLINE, D2D2, and DAX ridership stats and program updates.

Director Staebler expressed his support for tracking QLINE data and completed trips. RTA does not control who plows snow, or clears accidents, or the installed bus stops that rely on other municipal services, or are supported by the county, and MDOT. He expressed that these metrics are important, but they are not the sole responsibility of the RTA. State budget reductions announced today will reduce municipal budgets by 20%. I want to be realistic about the fact that the RTA cannot achieve 90% of trips completed because of these external factors.

#### **6. Presentations**

Matt Carpenter, CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Transit Agency (TheRide), presented the agency's annual update to the RTA Board of Directors, including recent progress on key projects and grant awards.

- Director Hendrix inquired about AAATA's and City of Ypsilanti's progress on the Ypsi Transit Center.
- Director Staebler inquired about AAATA's support to build BRT in Ann Arbor.

Tiffany Gunter, CEO of SMART, presented the agency’s annual update to the RTA Board of Directors, highlighting bus routes and stop improvements, on-time performance, employee programs, and program collaborations with external partners.

**7. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of December 2025 Board Meeting Summary**
- b. Approval of November and December 2025 & January 2026 Financial Reports**
- c. Procurement Advisory Notice**
- d. Approval of Transit Planning Software Contract**
- e. Approval of Records Retention Policy**

Moved by Director Staebler and supported by Director Freeman to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

- *Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)*

**8. Regular Agenda**

- a. Approval of M4A Plan & Project Management Plan**

Moved by Director Moore and supported by Director Hendrix to approve the M4A Plan & Project Management Plan. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

<b>Board of Directors members</b>	<b>Government Entity</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	Y

Freman Hendrix (Secretary)	City of Detroit	Y
June Lee	Wayne County	A
Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	A
Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	V
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	A
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

- *Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)*

**b. Approval of 2025 RTMP Update**

Moved by Director Bradshaw and supported by Director Hendrix to approve the 2025 RTMP Update. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

- *Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)*

**c. Approval of FY 2027 RTA State Funding Application**

Moved by Director Hendrix and supported by Director Bradshaw to approve the FY 2027 RTA State Funding Application. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

<b>Board of Directors members</b>	<b>Government Entity</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	Y
Freman Hendrix (Secretary)	City of Detroit	Y
June Lee	Wayne County	A
Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	A

Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	V
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	A
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

- Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)

**d. Approval of CY 2026 Legislative Agenda & Legislative Report**

Moved by Director Moore and supported by Director Freeman to approve the CY 2026 Legislative Agenda & Legislative Report. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

- Absent (A); Yea (Y); Nay (N); Virtual (V) means participating online, yet unable to vote on official business; Abstain (AB)

**e. Acceptance of 2026 Agency Goals**

Director Bradshaw moved and Director Moore seconded to accept the 2026 Agency Goals.

**9. New Business**

**10. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.**