



Proposed Meeting Summary Board of Directors

May 21, 2026

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	A
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	P
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	P
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	P
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	P

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

Dr. Erica Robertson arrived at 1:13 PM.

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 Member Moore and supported by Treasurer Wheeler Smith. The agenda for May 21, 2026, was approved. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	Y
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June Lee	Wayne County	A
Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	Chair
Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	Y
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4. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

5. Executive Directors Report

- Big News
- QLINE Ridership
- QLINE Performance
- D2A2/DAX Ridership
- Transit app
 - Station & Stop Decals
- Program Updates
 - Bike Safety Campaign
- Upcoming Items

6. Presentations

- There were no presentations today. Chair Massaron moved to postpone the scheduled Detroit Transportation Corporation (DTC) presentation until a later date, which was seconded by Vice Chair Morandini and unanimously supported.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of March 2026 Board Meeting Summary

b. Procurement Advisory Notice

- Moved by Member Robertson and supported by Member Staebler to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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

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8. Regular Agenda

a. Approval of March & April 2026 Financial Reports

- Member Staebler commented on budget amendments.
- Moved by Treasurer Wheeler Smith and supported by Member Moore to approve the March & April 2026 Financial Reports. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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June Lee	Wayne County	A
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Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	Y
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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b. Approval of RTA Strategic Plan

- Treasurer Wheeler Smith: How successful have we been in reaching out to smaller transit providers?
 - Executive Director Stupka: The agency has built on our funding relationship with these smaller agencies to create a more consistent dialogue, including the formation of a small providers work group.
- Chair Massaron introduced a conversation with Board members on the need for long-term funding solutions including exploring a Vehicle Registration Fee. Board members expressed agreement to continue conversations and navigate appropriate timing with regional stakeholders.
- Moved by Treasurer Wheeler Smith and supported by Member Bradshaw to approve the RTA Strategic Plan. The motion carried via unanimous consent, with an amendment from Member Staebler to set an explicit funding goals deadline of 2028. This amendment was seconded by Treasurer Wheeler Smith, and the motion also carried via unanimous consent: 

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Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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c. Approval of FY 2026 Federal Formula Funding Distribution

- Moved by Member Zack and supported by Member Robertson to approve the FY 2026 Federal Funding Formula Funding Distribution. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	Y
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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d. Acceptance of Planning & Innovation Project Update

- The Board received the Planning & Innovation Project Update.

e. Resolution for Departing Board Member: Freman Hendrix

- A motion was taken by Chair Massaron to postpone this resolution to later in the calendar year, seconded by Vice Chair Morandini. This motion was unanimously supported.

9. New Business

- There was no new business.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.