Proposed Meeting Summary
Board of Directors
August 20, 2026
1:00 PM

1. **Call to Order at** 1:03 PM**.**

2. **Roll Call:**

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

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Member Terry Campbell introduced herself to the Board at the start of her first meeting. Member Smith arrived at 1:07 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
Robert Cramer – City of Detroit
Farai Gundan – Bhadala

3. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Member Staebler and supported by Member Zack. The agenda for August 20, 2026, was approved. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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

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4. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

5. Executive Directors Report

- Big News
  - Wayne County transit millage passed by over 60%.
  - Member Zack asked about the calculation of .9831 mills.
- QLINE Ridership
- QLINE Performance
- QLINE Harm Reduction Boxes
- D2A2/DAX Ridership
- Transit app
- Woodward Rapid Transit Study
- Program Updates
  - Access to Transit Projects
  - Highway Express Bus Study
  - Procurements in Progress:
    - IT Managed Services Provider
    - QLINE Direct Internet Access (Fiber)
    - QLINE Custodial Cleaning Services

    - Office Space
- External Affairs Updates
    - Social Media Influencer Collaboration
    - Digital Billboard & Radio Advertising Metrics
    - APTA AdWheel Grand Award Winners
- Upcoming Items

6. Public Hearing

a. FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

- The Board of Directors moved to open the public hearing for the FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation at 1:24 PM.
- Executive Director Stupka presented the DRAFT FY 2026-2027 Budget & Investment Plan: Creating Value Through Action.
- Member Campbell asked about how Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) is booked in the upcoming versions of the budget.
- Member Staebler asked for a rough estimate of farebox recovery and discussed convening a committee for future discussions.
- Member Bradshaw asked if an actual dedicated lane could change the insurance rates for QLINE.
- Member Smith mentioned the potential value of framing the budget around a regional value proposition focused on the RTA in contrast to the RTA's management of the regional system. He also asked about revenue streams and long-term funding solutions.
- The Board of Directors moved to close the public hearing for the FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation at 1:50 PM.

7. **Consent Agenda**
    a. **Approval of July 2026 Board Meeting Summary**
    b. **Approval of July 2026 Financial Reports**

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

Board of Directors members	Government Entity	Vote
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	A
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Acting Chair
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	Y
Conan Smith	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	Y

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8. **Regular Agenda**
    a. **Acceptance of Mobility Wallet Review and Next Steps**

- Mshadoni Smith-Jackson, Planning Manager, presented the Mobility Wallet Review and Steps.
- Member Zack asked about which aspects of the Mobility Wallet pilot could be implemented into the Transit app.
- Member Smith commended the team on completion of this pilot.
- Member Campbell noted that this sort of project exists elsewhere and is possible, encouraging the team to continue forward.
- The Board received the Mobility Wallet Review and Next Steps.

    b. **Approval of QLINE Capital Plan**

- Executive Director Stupka presented the QLINE Capital Plan.
- Member Bradshaw asked if there is consideration for tariffs in the budget, followed by questions about lead time and/or delays for brake overhauls, improvements to the RTA Tech Center, and plans for an energy audit for that space.
- Member Smith requested an enhanced funding page with more details.

- Moved by Member Staebler and supported by Member Zack to approve the QLINE Capital Plan. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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June Lee	Wayne County	A
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Jon Moore	Macomb County	A
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Conan Smith	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
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c. Resolution for Departing Board Member: Freman Hendrix

- Board members shared their appreciation and congratulations for retiring Treasurer, Freman Hendrix.
- Moved by Member Staebler and supported by Member Bradshaw. The motion carried via unanimous consent:

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June Lee	Wayne County	A
Dave Massaron (Chair)	State of Michigan	Y
Jon Moore	Macomb County	A
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Acting Chair
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	Y
Conan Smith	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	Y

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9. New Business

- There was no new business.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.