

**CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Joint Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2024**

Place: Metro Administration Building, 530 N. Rose Street  
Time: 11:30 A.M.  
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Keshia Woodson-Sow, Sarah Joshi, Kathy Schultz, Cheryl Pesti, Rob Branch, Annette Arkush, Barbara Blissett  
Others Present: Earl Cox, Sr., Ammerriel Cegers

**1.) KCTA ROLL CALL**

*KCTA Members Present: James Ayers, Tafari Brown\*, Paul Ecklund, Dusty Farmer, Aditya Rama, Gary Sigman\*\*, Tim Sloan, Curtis Aardema*  
*KCTA Members Absent: None*

*\*Brown arrived at 11:47 am  
\*\*Sigman arrived at 11:44 am*

**1). CCTA ROLL CALL**

*CCTA Members Present: Rob Britigan, Chris Burns, Dusty Farmer, Garrylee McCormick, Jim Pearson, Randy Thompson\*, Greg Rosine, Curtis Aardema*

*CCTA Members Absent: Rod Halcomb, Lisa Mackie*

*\*Thompson left meeting at 1:05 pm*

*A motion was made to excuse Mackie*

*Motion: Aardema*

*Second: Pearson*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

**2.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for August 12, 2024 and for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting minutes for June 10, 2024.*

*Motion: Sloan*

*Second: McCormick*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to accept the 2023 Annual Report.*

*Motion: Ayers*

*Second: Halcomb*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

Boardmembers welcomed Paul Ecklund back to the KCTA Board who said he had served on the KCTA Board previously from 2006 to 2017.

**3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

#### **4.) BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Burns reported the Board Operations Committee reviewed the August 12<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda and discussed the appointment of new Board officers with the vacancy of the CCTA and KCTA Chair positions. He stated as dictated in the CCTA/KCTA Policies, that the Board Operations Committee recommend an interim Chair for the duration of the vacated terms for the KCTA and CCTA Chair positions.

Burns explained that with the resignation of Chair Rosine, this opened the following positions on the Boards and Committees: Chair CCTA, Chair KCTA, Vice-Chair KCTA, Board Operations Chair and Performance Monitoring Chair. He said the Board Operations Committee made the following recommendations: Curtis Aardema as CCTA/KCTA Chair and Dusty Farmer as KCTA Vice-Chair.

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the Board Operations Committee recommendation to appoint Curtis Aardema as CCTA/KCTA Chair.*

*Motion: Rosine/McCormick Second: Rosine/Sloan*

*Motion carried by a roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Ayers, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sloan, Rosine, Aardema*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Brown, Sigman*

*Ayes: Britigan, Burns, Farmer, McCormick, Pearson, Thompson, Rosine, Aardema*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Halcomb, Mackie*

*A motion was made by KCTA to approve the Board Operations Committee recommendation to appoint Dusty Farmer as KCTA Vice-Chair.*

*Motion: McCormick Second: Sloan*

*Motion carried by a roll call vote.*

*Ayes: Ayers, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sloan, Rosine, Aardema*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Brown, Sigman*

The Board Operations Committee selected Aardema as Board Operations Chair and Rama as Performance Monitoring Chair and to add Rosine and new Boardmember Ecklund to the Performance Monitoring Committee.

Exec. Dir. McBride announced that Boardmember Halcomb had decided to not seek reappointment to the CCTA to focus on retirement and travel with his family. He stated that leaves two vacant rural seats on the CCTA Board.

#### **5.) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Exec. Dir. McBride presented a PowerPoint on the FY 2025 and 2026 budgets. He indicated a good portion of developing this budget involved positioning Metro for long-range financial sustainability. He said in the near future, Boards would need to determine fare structure and any change to the KCTA and CCTA millage rates 2025 and 2026. Exec. Dir. McBride noted there would be budget small group meetings for Boardmembers.

*A motion was made by the CCTA and KCTA to adopt Resolution 24-002 scheduling a public hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024 to consider the CCTA FY 2025 and FY 2026 Budgets.*

*Motion: Farmer/McCormick                      Support: Farmer/Sigman  
Motion carried by roll call vote.*

*Ayes:                      Ayers, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Ecklund, Farmer, McCormick, Rama,  
Pearson, Rosine, Sigman, Sloan, Thompson, Aardema  
Nays:                      None  
Absent:                      Halcomb, Mackie*

Burns reported that at the Planning and Development July meeting the Committee heard a presentation from Mike Kosciuk and Jim Anderson of GRS Consulting. Chair Burns reported about funding of both pension and OPEB. Burns briefed the Boards on the reports through a PowerPoint. (A copy of the PowerPoint is included with the meeting minutes.)

## **6.) PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Chair Rama reported that the Performance Monitoring Committee was presenting to the Boards a Metro Connect contract extension for consideration. Metro and First Student have agreed to extend the contract for one year. Rama stated a bid for a new contract would be put out prior to the end of the extension in 2025. He said the additional year extension did not include a fee increase.

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve a one-year contract extension from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 with First Student in the amount of \$5,609,954 and authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents related to the change order on behalf of the CCTA.*

*Motion: Farmer/Rosine                      Second: Farmer/Rosine  
Motion carried by a roll call vote.*

*Ayes:                      Ayers, Brown, Ecklund, Farmer, Rama, Sigman, Rosine, Aardema  
Nays:                      Sloan  
Absent:                      None*

*Ayes:                      Britigan, Burns, Farmer, McCormick, Pearson, Thompson, Rosine,  
Aardema  
Nays:                      None  
Absent:                      Halcomb, Mackie*

## **7.) EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Farmer reported the Committee had met and reviewed the jurisdictional outreach spreadsheet and reminded the Boardmembers to provide a short synopsis of their visits to Exec. Dir. McBride.

## **8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Exec. Dir. McBride provided an update on following topics:

- Triennial Review
- Community Outreach
- Construction Update with Future Planning
- Community Outreach

- Metro Link Update.

Included with the minutes is a summary memo and updates provided to the Boards.

**9.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pension Board – Did not meet.

KATS Policy Committee – Did not meet.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Did not meet.

**10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – Chair Aardema thanked Greg Rosine for his many years serving as the Chair for the CCTA and KCTA. He commented that the Boards welcomed him to continue serving on the Boards.

**11.) PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**12.) MEMBERS TIME** – Boardmembers welcomed Paul Ecklund’s return to the KCTA Board and thanked Greg Rosine for his expertise and time serving as CCTA and KCTA Chair.

*A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adjourn the KCTA/CCTA meeting.*

*Motion: McCormick*

*Support: Burns*

*Motion carried by voice vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

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Curt Aardema  
CCTA Chairperson

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Barbara Blissett  
CCTA Clerk

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