Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: June 18, 2026 - 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Ann Arbor District Library (4th Floor) - Virtual via Zoom

Members Present: Kathleen Mozak (Chair), Mike Allemang (Treasurer), Jesse Miller (Secretary), ,Travis Gonyou, Susan Pollay, Praveena Ramaswami, Georgia Valentine
Members Absent: Simi Barr (Excused), Rich Chang (Excused), Julie Grand (Excused)

Chairwoman Mozak called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Approve Agenda

No additions or changes noted to the agenda.

Ms. Pollay motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Miller.

No discussion on the motion.

All in favor of approving the agenda:

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Rich Chang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

1.2 Public Comment

Delisa Brown – TWU representative shared an update on the status of negotiations and expressed concerns at the length of the process as they work toward a fair contract. She also expressed concerns related to millage funding usage and management salaries.

1.3 General Announcements

Chairwoman Mozak shared that the Board had a newly appointed Board member, Travis Gonyou and after brief introductions, she also noted that each Board member had a reference sheet at their seat to use at meetings.

Mr. Carpenter provided an update on recent public comment inquiries about real-time data challenges with route changes / detours for transit riders – staff are working on implementing new system upgrades that will allow for accurate real-time data. He also shared that staff are working on an upcoming fare study which should help address recent public comment questions about passenger fares.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Board Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2026

2.2 Committee Meeting Summaries

2.3 Monitoring: Treatment of Staff (2.2)

2.4 Monitoring: Asset Protection (2.7)

Mr. Miller motioned to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Valentine.

No discussion on the motion.

All in favor of accepting the Consent Agenda:

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The motion to accept the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

3. EMERGENT ITEMS

3.1 Closed Session (Pursuant to 8(c), 8(d) of OMA)

Chairwoman Mozak took a roll call vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to 8(c) and 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, the closed session is for strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement and land purchase.

Vote to go into closed session (Yes/No response):

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The Board unanimously voted to go into closed session at 6:10pm.

Vote to move out of closed session (Yes/No response):

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The Board unanimously voted to move out of closed session at 8:02pm.

3.2 Strategic Land Purchase: YTC

Chairwoman Mozak noted that the recommended action for the YTC strategic land purchase is that the Board authorizes the CEO to execute all documents required to purchase land from the City of Ypsilanti for the new Ypsilanti Transit Center reconstruction project for $750,000.

Mr. Miller motioned to authorize the CEO to execute all documents required to purchase land from the City of Ypsilanti for construction of the new Ypsilanti Transit Center Reconstruction Project (the YTC Project), seconded by Ms. Valentine.

No discussion on the motion.

All in favor of authorizing the CEO to execute all documents required to purchase land from the City of Ypsilanti for construction of the new Ypsilanti Transit Center Reconstruction Project (the YTC Project).

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The motion to authorize the CEO to execute all documents required to purchase land from the City of Ypsilanti for construction of the new Ypsilanti Transit Center Reconstruction Project (the YTC Project), passed unanimously.

4. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

4.1 OLTF Committee or Task Force

Chairwoman Mozak brought forth for discussion a recommendation to move the current OLTF task force into a more permanent structure by adding a new policy to create an OLTF Committee. This committee would be responsible for developing and recommending strategies for linking and building relationships with moral and legal owners.

Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion and while several were in support of a standing committee, others expressed concerns that a standing committee might impede the entire Board from input and engagement with moral and legal owners. The Board decided to table the discussion to the next meeting.

Due to time constraints, Chairwoman Mozak made a recommendation the agenda be amended with the following topics deferred to the July Board meeting:

Monitoring: Governance Process Policies (3.0-3.4)
Local Funding Presentation

Q2 Service Report will not be deferred, but any questions/comments can be referred to Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Miller motioned to accept the amended changes to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Allemang.

No discussion on the motion.

All in favor of accepting the amended changes to the agenda:

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

The motion to accept the amended changes to the agenda passed unanimously.

5. MONITORING / DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Monitoring: Governance Process Policies

Deferred to July Board Meeting.

6. POLICY

6.1 Policy Language Discussion (if needed)

N/A

7. BOARD EDUCATION / DISCUSSION

7.1 Local Funding Presentation

Deferred to July Board Meeting.

8. OPERATIONAL UPDATES

8.1 FY2027 Budget Introduction

Ms. Reed provided the Board with an introductory presentation for the FY27 Operating and Capital Budget (Board packet, pg. 133). She outlined the budget process timeline and highlights with a preview of the FY27 Operating Budget and Capital Budget outlook and projections.

8.2 FY2026 Q2 Service Report

As noted in amended agenda, any questions / concerns about Q2 Service report can be referred to Mr. Carpenter.

8.3 Legislative Updates

Mr. Pfeifer had sent the Board an email with a brief update on legislative matters. No additional verbal updates.

8.4 CEO Report

No additional verbal updates beyond the report within the packet.

9. CLOSING ITEMS

9.1 Action Item Recap

- Treatment of Staff Monitoring Report: Accepted as (B)
- Asset Protection Monitoring Report: Accepted as (A)
- Add OLTF: Committee or Task Force to July Board agenda for further discussion
- Governance Process Policies (3.0-3.4) and Local Funding Presentation – deferred to July Board agenda
- Q2 Service report was reviewed by Service Committee, and any additional questions can be referred to Mr. Carpenter

9.2 Topics for Next Meeting

OLTF: Committee or Task Force
Draft Budget Preview
Business Plan
FY27 Committee/Board Meeting Dates
FY27 Proposed dates for Alt. Meeting Location

9.3 Public Comment

Diane Knibbs – representing First Presbyterian Church is requesting reduced fare passes for homeless people be made accessible at the Ypsilanti Library and Delonis Center

9.4 Adjournment

Mr. Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Pollay.

There was no discussion on the motion.

All in favor of adjourning the meeting:

Mr. Mike Allemang: Yes
Mr. Travis Gonyou: Yes
Mr. Jesse Miller: Yes
Ms. Susan Pollay: Yes
Ms. Praveena Ramaswami: Yes
Ms. Georgia Valentine: Yes
Chairwoman Kathleen Mozak: Yes

Chairwoman Mozak adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah Holt