



**REGIONAL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

**Meeting Summary Board of  
Directors**

Thursday, June 15, 2023

1:00 PM

**\*Revised\***

**1. Call to order at 1:10 PM**

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Massaron; Don Morandini; Helaine Zack; Jeannette Bradshaw; Dr. Erica Robertson; Freman Hendrix; Alma Smith; Ned Staebler (virtual)

**RTA Representatives Present:**

Ben Stupka; Khalil Davis; Corri Wofford; Shauna Morris; Julia Roberts; Melanie Piana

**Other Meeting Participants:**

Morrow and Associates – RTA Consultant  
Michelle Hodges, Rehmann – RTA Consultant

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The newly appointed Chair, Dave Massaron, called the June 15, 2023, RTA Board Meeting to order and introduced the Agenda. Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Helaine Zack, the June 15, 2023, Agenda was unanimously approved.

**3. Approval of the May 18, 2023 Board Meeting Summary**

Moved by Jeannette Bradshaw and supported by Alma Smith. The May 18, 2023, Meeting Summary was unanimously approved.

**4. Public Comment**

- Robert Pawloski provided public comment supporting 5310 funding approval, as well as expressed the need to increased recruitment and rate of pay for drivers throughout the SE Michigan area.
- Joel Batterman provided commentary on the decrease of hours of public transportation service hours, and the loss of regional connections. Mr. Batterman further appealed to the Board to consider how the RTA can move e forward with expanding transit throughout the region.

**5. New Staff Introduction**

Mr. Stupka introduced RTA's new Program Director, Melanie Piana.

**6. May 2023 Financial Reports - Action**

Mr. Stupka gave an overview of the financial reports, and highlighted the creation of the project budget tracker, as included in the meeting packet. Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Freman Hendrix. The May 2023 Financial Reports were unanimously approved.

**7. Provider Presentation- SMART**

Tiffany Gunter, COO SMART, provided a detailed summary of SMART's state of the system. The full presentation is [here](#).

**8. 5310 Call for Projects**

Mr. Stupka requested Board approval of the 5310 Federal Funding Distribution Resolution for the Detroit and Ann Arbor Urbanized Areas. The list of the direct distribution of funds was included in the meeting packet. Moved by Helaine Zack and supported by Dr. Erica Robertson, Resolution #52 was approved unanimously.

**9. Communications Report**

Corri Wofford provided a summary of the RTA's efforts in improving social media presence, external communications, partnerships, and outreach, highlighting: Press announcements regarding RTA Board of Directors leadership change, D2A2 extended bus service hours and ongoing targeted promotions, AutoTech Detroit panel discussion participation, RTA monthly newsletter, providing transportation resources for seniors and people with disabilities, and recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**10. Program Manager Report**

Mr. Stupka reviewed the staff report, as included in the meeting packet.

**11. New Business**

There was no new business.