



**REGIONAL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

**Meeting Summary**

**Board of Directors**

Thursday, March 21, 2024

1:00 PM

1. **Call to order at 1:01 PM**
  
2. **Roll Call:** Don Morandini; Jon Moore; Jeannette Bradshaw; Dave Massaron, Alma Smith; Ned Staebler; Freman Hendrix; Helaine Zack (virtual); Dr. Erica Robertson. A quorum was present.  
**RTA Representatives Present:**  
Ben Stupka; Khalil Davis; Julia Roberts; Melanie Piana; Corri Wofford; Kameron Bloye; Isaac Constans; Kristin Caffray  
**Other Meeting Participants:**  
Morrow and Associates – RTA Consultant
  
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Ned Staebler. The March 21, 2024, Agenda was approved.
  
4. **Public Comment**
  - Robert Pawlowski provided comment in support of the Detroit to Airport Express (DAX) service and the intent to transfer the assets of M1-Rail.
  
  - Farai Gundan asked how will DAX connect passengers to local transportation providers.
  
5. **Executive Directors Report**  
Mr. Stupka presented the Executive Directors Report to the Board. Ned Staebler inquired about DAX ridership goal. Freman Hendrix asked about the DAX marketing plan and budget.
  
6. **Presentations**  
There were no presentations.

**7. Consent Agenda**

- a. [Approval of the February 2024 Board Meeting Summary](#)
- b. [Approval of Financial Reports for February 2024](#)
- c. [Approval of Updated FOIA Policy](#)
- d. [Approval of On-Call Planning Consultant Selection](#)

Moved by Freman Hendrix and supported by Jeannette Bradshaw, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**8. Regular Agenda**

- a. [Approval of 2024 Annual Audit](#)

Report from George Johnson and Company (David Eshaki, Michael Nicholas).

Moved by Alma Smith and supported by Freman Hendrix, the 2024 Annual Audit was approved.

- b. [Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 State Funding Applications](#)

Report from Ben Stupka.

Moved by Ned Staebler and supported by Jeannette Bradshaw. The Fiscal Year 2025 State Funding Applications were approved.

- c. [Approval of Intent to Transfer the Assets of M1-Rail](#)

Moved by Ned Staebler and supported by Dr. Erica Robertson, the Intent to Transfer M1-Rail Assets was approved.

**9. New Business**

Dr. Robertson inquired about services for the cognitively impaired. Mr. Massaron suggested that the Board can ask providers to share information in relation to services and accessibility for the cognitively impaired in upcoming presentations. Mr. Morandini thanked Ben for active communication with Board members.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM**