



**Proposed Meeting Summary
Board of Directors**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 1:01 PM.

2. Roll Call:

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

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RTA Representatives Present:

Ben Stupka, Melanie Piana, Julia Roberts, Corri Wofford, Kristin Caffray, Travis Grubb, Khalil Davis, Isaac Constans, Kameron Bloye, Rachel Schmuhl, Dasia Mack

Other Meeting Participants:

Rehmann - Michelle Hodges
Mario Morrow Associates (MMA) - Ryan Bridges
WSP – English Reed-Jones
Maner Costerisan – Jordan Smith
Bhadala – Farai Gundan

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Moore and supported by Member Bradshaw. The agenda for March 20, 2025, was approved. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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	Y
Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

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4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Executive Directors Report

- Executive Director Stupka presented the following topics:
 - Detroit Air Xpress (DAX) 1-Year Anniversary
 - Administration, Communications, Core Business
 - QLINE Performance
 - Ridership, On Time, Delays, Safety
 - D2A2 & DAX Ridership
 - Initiatives: Access to Transit Program (ATP), Mobility Wallet, Corridors Framework
 - Strategy: Policy Program, Coalition Building, and a Strategic Path
 - Federal Funding Update: FY2025 Transportation Appropriations, USDOT Grant Guidance
 - Chair Massaron asked who conducted each stage of the audit.
 - Member Bradshaw asked about the capacity for the park-and-ride lot and about cost estimates.

- Executive Director Stupka explained that it is a large lot and that the goal is to get it to a \$2 fee.
- Secretary Hendrix asked about changes to D2A2 since its inception, regarding marketing, service, etc. Executive Director Stupka mentioned that things have mostly stayed the same, other than the introduction of a value passbook.
- Member Staebler mentioned that there could be/should be park-and-ride options in other areas, like Midtown Detroit or another option in Downtown Ann Arbor.

6. Presentations

- a. No presentations.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of February 2025 Board Meeting Summary

b. Approval of February 2025 Financial Report

Moved by Treasurer Wheeler Smith and supported by Member Bradshaw.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Jeannette Bradshaw	Oakland County	Y
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Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

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8. Regular Agenda

a. Approval of FY2024 Draft Financial Audit

Jordan Smith of Maner Costerisan spoke on the Draft Financial Audit.

Chair Massaron asked about how statements are provided – if the auditor is reliant solely on staff providing statements. He also asked if there were any segregation of duties issues.

Moved by Secretary Hendrix and supported by Member Staebler. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

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b. Approval of FY2026 State Funding Applications

Julia Roberts spoke on the FY2026 State Funding Applications.

Moved by Vice Chair Morandini and supported by Treasurer Wheeler Smith. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Jon Moore	Macomb County	Y
Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

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c. Approval of 2025 Legislative Report & Legislative Policy Priorities

Melanie Piana spoke on the 2025 Legislative Report and Legislative Policy Priorities.

Ned Staebler asked about road funding and the relationship between supporting road funding and supporting transit.

Moved by Treasurer Wheeler Smith and supported by Member Bradshaw. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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Don Morandini (Vice Chair)	Macomb County	Y
Dr. Erica Robertson	Wayne County	A
Alma Wheeler Smith (Treasurer)	Washtenaw County	Y
Ned Staebler	Washtenaw County	Y
Helaine Zack	Oakland County	V

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9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.