

**Transportation Authority of Calhoun County
Meeting Minutes
Marshall City Hall – Council Chambers
323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 49068
May 13, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 10:00 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dr. Paul Watson, Maya Williams, Tom Tarkiewicz, Erick Stewart, Vivian Davis
Members Absent: Jenasia Morris, Amy Evans
- III. **Agenda**
It was motioned by Vivian and supported by Tom to approve the agenda with an addition to item XII, New Business.
Motion Carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
It was motioned by Dr. Watson and supported by Maya to approve April 22, 2025, Minutes.
Motion Carried.
- V. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
None.
- VI. **Closed Session**
- VII. **Closed Session**
It was motioned by Tom and supported by Dr. Watson to move into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining (Pursuant to Sections 8(c), to discuss strategy related to collective bargaining that is exempt from discussion disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act) and to discuss attorney written opinion (pursuant to 8(h), to discuss an attorney written opinion that is exempt from discussion disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act)
Motion Carried unanimously by roll call vote
- VIII. **Consent Agenda**
None.
- IX. **Finance and Budget Report**
Written Budget Reports were distributed to the Board. Accepting the report was tabled until the Acting Treasurer returns.
- X. **Public Hearing and Subsequent Board Action**
None.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a) Mallory Avis, Battle Creek Transit Director, updated the Board on upcoming expanded BCGO service in Albion. She is hoping that availability to book rides will be available about two weeks before the start date of June 2nd. Vivian inquired about how scheduling works for BCGO and Kristy Grestini, Battle Creek Transit Mobility Manager, explained how scheduling is currently handled and is willing to offer in person assistance for Albion residents.
- b) Mallory Avis informed the Board of no Accounting Contract Proposals being submitted as of noon last Friday. The RFP has been extended for an additional two weeks with hopes of at least two proposal submissions.

XII. New Business

- a) Peter Varga, consultant to the TACC Board, spoke about Board work and Management work. Discussions with FTA have been positive and there is confidence in this Authority with Mallory Avis as the face of the organization. Peter advised the Board to begin reviewing their values and vision. The importance of utilizing BCT's grant opportunities to help the transition was emphasized. Peter recommended hiring Mallory Avis as the TACC's Executive Director and to begin determining Board work versus Management work. Peter emphasized the importance of the Board's responsibility in guiding the success of the TACC. Clark Harder, consultant to the TACC Board, suggested scheduling an additional meeting to prepare strategy and marketing.
- b) Tom coordinated a work session for the Board immediately following the next Board meeting at Marshall City Hall.

XIII. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

XIV. Board and Executive Director Comments

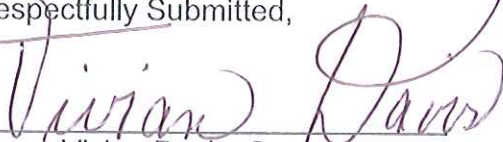
- a) Communication to the Board
 - I. The Marshall Rotary has invited the Board to give an update on TACC at 12p.m. at the Franke Center on June 10th.
 - II. Marshall Manufacturing Association invited the Board to provide an update on July 17th at 12p.m.
 - III. Erick and Maya will be discussing TACC with City Magazine on May 19th at 11:30a.m.
 - IV. Kellogg Arena will be hosting the Senior Expo on May 22nd 9a.m. to 1p.m.
- b) No Legislative Updates.
- c) Jeff Franklin, BCATS Director, updated the Board on local road construction projects. BCATS Public Participation Plan is still out for public involvement with an expected approval date of May 28th. Fiscal Year 26 Work Program is out for public comment with expected approval of May 28th. Transportation Improvement Program is out for public comment with expected approval of May 28th.

XV. Next Meeting

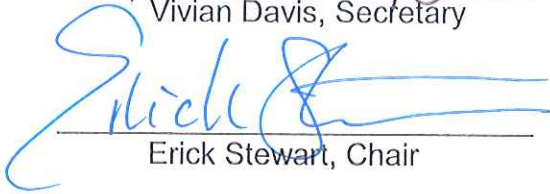
Next meeting - May 27th, 2025

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:51a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,



Vivian Davis, Secretary



Erick Stewart, Chair