Transportation Authority of Calhoun County
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026 – ANNUAL MEETING
Ride Calhoun Administrative Offices
49 South Cass St., Battle Creek, MI 49037

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 5:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Tom Tarkiewicz, Amy Evans, Maya Williams, Erick Stewart, Dr. Paul Watson, Jenasia Morris.

Members absent: Vivian Davis (in at 5:34).

III. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Morris and supported by Evans to approve the Agenda.

Motion carried.

IV. Public comment on Agenda Items

None.

V. Consent Agenda

It was motioned by Morris and supported by Tarkiewicz to approve the Consent Agenda.

VI. Public Hearings and Subsequent Board Action

Mallory Avis, TACC Executive Director, reminded the Board of the January 27th public hearing in Marshall.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. New Business

a) It was motioned by Tarkiewicz and supported by Dr. Watson to approve the slate of officers for 2026.

Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

b) It was motioned by Evans and supported by Williams to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule for Publication.

Motion carried.

c) It was motioned by Davis and supported by Williams to approve Resolution 01-2026 – TACC By Laws revision.

Motion carried.

d) It was motioned by Dr. Watson and supported by Evans to approve Resolution 02-2026 – Recommendation for appointment to Northeast & South Neighborhood Improvement Authority.

Motion carried.

e) It was motioned by Evans and supported by Davis to approve Resolution 03-2026 – Recommendation for appointment to Lakeview Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried.

IX. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

X. Board and Executive Director Comments

a) No communications to the Board.

b) Mallory Avis updated the Board on conversations between TACC and MDOT about fare structure.

c) Mallory Avis spoke about combining rural area projects to TACC.

d) Peter Varga and Clark Harder are ready to support the TACC in the conversations with MDOT on fare structure. Peter is pleased with the progress made from Battle Creek Transit to Ride Calhoun.

XI. Next Meetings

a) Public Hearing – January 27, 2026 (9:00 am at Marshall City Hall)

b) Board Meeting – February 11, 2026 (5:30 pm at Ride Calhoun Administrative Office)

XII. Closed Session

- It was motioned by Tarkiewicz and supported by Davis pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider an attorney's written legal opinion regarding the Executive Director's proposed employment contract that is exempt from public disclosure under state and federal law.
  Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- It was motioned by Tarkiewicz and supported by Evans to return from closed session.
  Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.
- It was motioned by Evans and supported by Williams to approve the Executive Director's draft contract as written and authorize the TACC Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
  Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

XIII. Subsequent Board Action

None.

VIV. Adjournment

6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Davis, Secretary