



Topeka Metro
Board of Director's Minutes
September 15, 2025
Quincy Street Station boardroom

MEMBER'S NAME	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Candis Stiles, Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Fátima Pérez-Luthi, Vice Chair	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Rodd Miller	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Alan Bearman	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Beverly Hall	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Scott Tummons	Topeka Metro	Absent

Staff/Visitors		ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED	
Bob Nugent, General Manager		Topeka Metro	Present QSS	
Richard Appelhanz, Chief Financial Officer		Topeka Metro	Present QSS	
Keri Renner, Director of Marketing & Communications		Topeka Metro	Present QSS	
Jessica Moberly, Director of Planning		Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom	
Denise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer		Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom	
Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities		Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom	
John Cassidy, General Counsel		Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom	
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources		Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom	
Jared Culbertson, Director of IT		Topeka Metro	Present QSS	
TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION / STATUS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE

Call to Order	Candis Stiles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.	5 of 6 members present.	Candis Stiles
Approval of Board Minutes	Minutes from the August 18, 2025 Board meeting were reviewed.	MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Bearman seconded, to accept the August 18, 2025, TMTA BOD meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.	Candis Stiles
Public Comment	N/A		Candis Stiles
Action Items	Finance Report Accepted as presented. Richard reported that a committee reviewed submittals for janitorial services on 8/28/25. It is a 3-year contract, and the awardee will be responsible for the administrative building, maintenance building and Quincy Street Station on weekdays. Our current contract expires September 18, 2025, and we are paid up through the end of this month. Jessica requested an approval to issue an RFP for Transit Oriented Development (TOD). This is a Transit Supportive Principles Mobility Design Manual. It includes complete streets – KDOT will fund completely for \$190,000,000.	MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Beverly Hall seconded the motion to accept the August 31, 2025, financial report as presented. The motion passed 5-0. MOTION: Alan Bearman moved, and Rodd Miller seconded to award the janitorial services to Shawnee Building Maintenance & Janitorial Services. The motion passed, 5-0. MOTION: Rodd Miller moved and Fatima Perez-Luthi seconded to approve posting the Transit Oriented Development. The motion passed, 5-0.	Richard Appelhanz Richard Appelhanz Jessica Moberly

Continuing Business	Candis shared that she signed up for public comment at the September 9th City Council meeting. Bob and Richard provided her impactful data, including when TMTA received the 4.2 mills in 2012, the City Council's mill levy then versus now—which peaked at 39 in 2021 and has since decreased. Candis told the Council we had factual information and could've better presented our own mill levy narrative instead of just submitting a report. Council members were receptive to holding a new Revenue Neutral Rate hearing and agreed the previous one was mishandled. However, neither the City Manager nor the City Attorney has yet to contact Candis, despite telling city council members they would. They claimed there wasn't enough time, and they weren't certain if it is legal to have two Revenue Neutral Rate hearings. They also suggested legal action regarding the 4.2 mills issue. Candis reported that Council members were not pleased and were open to her point that Topeka Metro, as a service provider and partner to the city, is being harmed along with the community. Some members expressed willingness to allocate city budget funds to help, and one council member intends to propose an amendment to restore the \$250,000 that was voted down to Topeka Metro's budget. We will have to see if it passes. Due to the City Council voting against TMTA exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, we will have to hold public meetings (two) and have the board of directors make a decision about cuts. Bob proposed that the East 6th Street and Indiana routes would go from half hour to hourly and interline. We would have to create a new Ride Guide if we apply those changes. If we get the funding from the City Council back, we may not have to go through this process. Bob thought the board should make a motion to address the funding issue.	MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Alan Bearman seconded that if Topeka Metro does not receive funding from the City Council's budget, then we will interline the #3 East 6th Street and #5 Indiana routes and make them hourly. The motion passed 5-0.	Candis Stiles
Old Business	N/A		Candis Stiles

Executive Session	Rodd Miller requested an Executive Session.	MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Alan Bearman seconded to recess into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to discuss individually identifiable employees. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0. The board will not take action after the executive session.	Rodd Miller
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.		Rodd Miller

Respectfully Submitted,

Keri L. Renner, Board Secretary