



Topeka Metro
Board of Director's Minutes
January 20, 2026
Quincy Street Station boardroom

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

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 & Comm.	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
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
John Cassidy, General Counsel	Topeka Metro	Absent
Jared Culbertson, Director of IT	Topeka Metro	Absent
Shawn Auten, Scheduler	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom

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 5 members present.	Candis Stiles
Approval of Board Minutes	Minutes from the December 15, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed.	MOTION: Scott Tummons moved, and Fátima Pérez-Luthi seconded, to accept the December 15, 2025, TMTA BOD meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.	Candis Stiles
Public Comment	N/A		Candis Stiles
Department Reports	<p>Planning – Jessica thanked Rodd Miller for catching an error in her report. In the past, there was inaccuracy for the reports, but they were corrected. Ridership is up 7%.</p> <p>Operations – Denise stated there had been lots of choose-ups and they were busy training. One key personnel retired.</p> <p>Maintenance –Bob Nugent asked about fuel. Alan said it is down and we’re down for the whole year. Alan asked Richard to verify that, and Richard said the last time we purchased fuel it was \$1.50. Last time we bought unleaded it was around \$2. Alan said that our gas is cheaper than it is at the public pumps because we buy in bulk.</p> <p>Finance – Richard had nothing to add to his report.</p>		<p>Jessica Moberly</p> <p>Denise Ensley</p> <p>Alan Parrish</p> <p>Richard Appelhanz</p>
Action Items	Finance Report Accepted as presented.	MOTION: Scott Tummons moved, and Fátima Pérez-Luthi seconded the motion to accept the December 31, 2025, financial report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.	Candis Stiles
Continuing Business	Bob mentioned that we need to confirm & vote on the dates for our 2026 Board of Directors study sessions and Board meetings.	MOTION: Scott Tummons moved, and Rodd Miller seconded the motion to accept the dates listed for the 2026 meetings. The motion passed 5-0.	<p>Bob Nugent</p> <p>Bob Nugent</p>

	<p>City Council is asking for Topeka Metro to present our annual report. There are three possible dates we're looking at: March 17th, April 7th and April 21st, 2026.</p> <p>Bob said that the Union notified us that they want to re-negotiate their contract. We'll wait and see what the dates might end up being.</p> <p>Bob reminded board members that there is a conference in July in Detroit, Michigan for board directors in case anyone is interested. Candis agreed that if board members could attend, it is helpful, especially if you are a new board member. She stated, Board members are not transit experts, but we are experts in our community.</p> <p>Bob spoke with Candis last week and they discussed a board assessment survey.</p> <p>Candis mentioned having a standing committee for strategic planning for future work to commit to where we're going and what we're doing. Candis is open to opinions from anyone, but this is a way where we have goals and not just put them in a desk.</p>		<p>Bob Nugent</p> <p>Bob Nugent</p> <p>Bob Nugent</p> <p>Bob Nugent</p> <p>Candis Stiles</p>
New Business	N/A	N/A	
Executive Session	N/A	N/A	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.	Scott Tummons moved to adjourn the meeting and Rodd Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.	Candis Stiles

Respectfully Submitted,

Keri L. Renner, Board Secretary