



Topeka Metro
Board of Director's Minutes
August 17, 2026
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 QSS
Tamika Terry	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Michaela Saunders	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Glenda Washington	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 & Comm.	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
John Cassidy, General Counsel	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Jessica Moberly, Director of Planning	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Jared Culbertson, Director of IT	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom
Shawn Auten, Scheduler	Topeka Metro	Via Zoom

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION / STATUS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Call to Order	Candis Stiles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.	4 of 5 members present.	Candis Stiles
Approval of Board Minutes	Minutes from June 15, 2026, Board meeting were reviewed.	MOTION: Fátima Pérez-Luthi moved, and Tamika Terry seconded, to accept the July 20, 2026, TMTA BOD meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 4-0.	Candis Stiles
Public Comment	N/A		Candis Stiles
Department Reports	Planning – Jessica discussed projects that are having issues with road construction which include 37th & Topeka Blvd, Walmart & 33rd, Indiana #5 and Washburn #7 routes, and Burlingame west. TARC ridership is also affected, and Bob and I are going to TARC to talk about service. Operations – Denise said that they had been hiring staff and training operators. There had been some operators on medical leave that are back. We are up to where we need to be with staffing. Maintenance – nothing to add to report. Finance – Candis asked if there are any questions for Richard.		Candis Stiles
Action Items	Candis asked for a motion to approve the July 2026 finance report.	MOTION: Fátima Pérez-Luthi moved to accept finance report as submitted, and Tamika Terry seconded. The motion passed, 4-0.	Candis Stiles
New Business	TRAINING FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS <u>Transit Design Guidelines:</u> Bob presented the various guidelines that are used in designing routes and service.		Bob Nugent

	Bob presented the results of our most SWOT Analysis which included input from the Board and Staff. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Bob presented the results of our most recent SWOT Analysis which included input from both the board and staff.		
Executive Session		MOTION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Meeting of the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors- Date of Meeting: August 17, 2026, at 4:58 p.m. Madam Chair, I, Fátima Pérez-Luthi, move that the board recess for an executive session so that we may discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to discuss individually identifiable employees. KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume here at 5:08 o'clock (10 minutes). The motion is seconded by Michaela Saunders. The question properly called, the motion carries by vote of 4 in favor to 0 against. They will not take action after the executive session.	
Adjourn		MOTION: Fátima Pérez-Luthi moved to adjourn the meeting and Tamika Terry seconded. The motion passed, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.	Candis Stiles

Respectfully Submitted,
Keri L. Renner, Board Secretary