



**Topeka Metro
Board of Director's Minutes
November 21, 2022**

MEMBER'S NAME	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Dr. Alan Bearman, Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Scott Tummons, Vice-Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Joseph Ledbetter	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Candis Meerpohl	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Rodd Miller	Topeka Metro	Present via ZOOM
Beverly Hall	Topeka Metro	Absent
Fatima Perez-Luthi	Topeka Metro	Absent

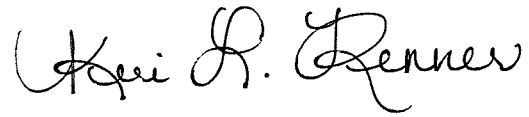
Staff/Visitors	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Bob Nugent, General Manager	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Richard Appelhanz, CFO Officer	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Keri Renner, Director of Marketing and Communications	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Andy Fry, Director of Planning	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
John Cassidy, Legal Counsel	Topeka Metro	Present via ZOOM
Jared Culbertson, Director of Information Technology	Topeka Metro	Present via ZOOM
Denise Ensley, Chief Financial Officer	Topeka Metro	Present via ZOOM
Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities	Topeka Metro	Absent

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION / STATUS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Call to Order	Chair, Dr. Alan Bearman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.	5 of 7 members present	Dr. Alan Bearman
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Minutes Approval	Minutes from the October 17, 2022, board meeting submitted for approval.	MOTION: Joe Ledbetter moved, and Scott Tummons seconded the motion to approve the October 17, 2022, minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.	Dr. Alan Bearman
Public Comment	No public in attendance.		
Department Reports			
Planning Report	Planning report as submitted.		Andy Fry
Operations Report	Operations report as submitted.		Bob Nugent for Denise Ensley
Maintenance Report	Maintenance and Facilities report as submitted.		Alan Parrish
Finance Report	Finance report as submitted.	MOTION: Scott Tummons moved, and Joe Ledbetter seconded the motion to accept the financial report for October 31, 2022, as presented. The motion was approved 5-0.	Richard Appelhanz
Action Items	Electric Infrastructure Construction	Rodd Miller moved, and Joe Ledbetter seconded to allow Bob Nugent to negotiate the final contract with Proterra--not to exceed \$420,177.	Andy Fry

	Health Insurance	Emily Ahlvers was present at the board study session to answer any last-minute questions regarding employee benefits. Scott Tummons moved and Candis Meerpohl seconded, to renew with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for medical insurance; renew with Delta Dental for dental insurance; Eye Med for vision insurance; and Guardian for accidental/disability supplemental insurance. The motion passed 5-0.	Terri Miller/Emily Ahlvers
Continuing Business	Microtransit Felony Assault Legislation	Staff has been attending meetings internally and with NIAs and public regarding microtransit service. The installation of graphics for two Lift buses will take place in December and we are still working on the app with Spare and creating a landing page for a MOD website. In 2023, there will be state legislation proposed for assaults against public transit workers. Currently, thirty to thirty-six states have similar legislation, but Kansas has not been one of those states. The Teamsters and ATU have been asked to help the bill in February 2023.	Bob Nugent

Executive Session	N/A		Dr. Alan Bearman
Adjourn	Dr. Bearman adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.		Dr. Alan Bearman

Respectfully Submitted –



Keri Renner, Topeka Metro Board Secretary