



**Topeka Metro  
Board of Directors Minutes  
April 15, 2024**

BOARD MEMBER'S NAME	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Scott Tummons, Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Candis Stiles, Vice Chair	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Chance Lucas	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Rodd Miller	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Beverly Hall	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Alan Bearman	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, Chief Financial Officer	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Keri Renner, Director of Marketing and Communications/Board Secretary	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Jared Culbertson, Director of Information Technology	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Denise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
John Cassidy, Legal Counsel	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION / STATUS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>Call to Order</b>	Called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.	5 of 7 members present	Scott Tummons
<b>Public Comment</b>	Cassie Martin, Washburn student studying social work, presented at the March TMTA board meeting regarding changes she proposed to help clientele. Today, she handed out a summary of six specific goals she believes should be put in place to help the citizens of Topeka. Also in attendance was Becca Spielman, but she did not speak to the board. Candis asked if we had Cassie's contact information if we had further questions or wanted to follow up. That will be sent out separately to the board members.		Scott Tummons
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>		<b>MOTION:</b> Candis Stiles moved, and Rodd Miller seconded the March 18, 2024, TMTA BOD meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 5-0.	Scott Tummons
<b>Department Reports</b>			
Planning Report	Planning report as submitted. Richard stated that the data is no longer an issue and should be fine from this point on. He can confirm that March 2024 information is accurate.		Richard Appelhanz
Operations Report	Report as submitted.		Denise Ensley
Maintenance Report	Report as submitted.		Alan Parrish
Finance Report	March 2024 Finance report as submitted.	<b>MOTION:</b> Candis Stiles moved, and Chance Lucas seconded the motion to approve the March 18, 2024, financials as presented. Motion approved 5-0.	Richard Appelhanz
<b>New Business</b>	Discussion of simplifying fares – Bob said that he is open to discussing the next study session to go over fares. A		Richard Appelhanz

	very small percentage of the budget includes our fares. We should find out soon from the city what the revenue neutral rate will be.		
<b>Old Business</b>	Proterra update: At the beginning of March, Proterra personnel said that they would be in contact with us. We have heard nothing from them. A question was posed if the new company is going to hold up our warranty.		Bob Nugent
<b>Executive Session</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.		Scott Tummons

Respectfully Submitted –



Keri Renner, Topeka Metro Board Secretary