

## Topeka Metro Board of Directors Minutes May 20, 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 QSS
Beverly Hall	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Fatima Perez Luthi	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Alan Bearman	Topeka Metro	Absent

Staff/Visitors		ORGANIZATION	PRESENT / ABSENT / EXCUSED
Bob Nugent, General Manager		Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Rich	nard Appelhanz, Chief Financial Officer	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Keri Renner, Directo	or of Marketing and Communications/Board Secretary	Topeka Metro	Present QSS
Jared Cull	pertson, Director of Information Technology	Topeka Metro	Present via Zoom
Teri	Terri Miller, Director of Human Resources		Present via Zoom
	John Cassidy, Legal Counsel		Present via Zoom
Alan Pa	Alan Parrish, Director of Maintenance & Facilities		Present via Zoom
Denise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer		Topeka Metro	Absent
TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION / STATUS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE

Call to Order	Called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.	6 of 7 members present	Scott Tummons
Public Comment	No general public in attendance.		Scott Tummons
Meeting Minutes		MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Chance Lucas seconded the April 15, 2024, TMTA BOD meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved 6-0.	Scott Tummons
Department Reports			
Planning Report	Planning report as submitted. Richard said that MOD rider numbers rebounded from the previous month. Bob said median wait times are lower, getting better than they had been. Rodd inquired about the Revenue Miles & Revenue Numbers—they seem incorrect. Richard will check them.		Richard Appelhanz
Operations Report	Report as submitted.		Bob Nugent for Denise Ensley
Maintenance Report	Report as submitted.		Alan Parrish
Finance Report	April 2024 Finance report as submitted.	<b>MOTION:</b> Rodd Miller moved, and Candis Stiles seconded the motion to approve the April 30, 2024, financials as presented. Motion approved 6-0.	Richard Appelhanz
	Recommend RFB award to KC Electrical Contractors for Back-up Generator for Quincy Street Station.	MOTION: Rodd Miller moved, and Chance Lucas seconded the approval to award RFB-TO-24-06 to KC Electrical Contractors. Motion approved 6-0.	Richard Appelhanz
	Recommend RFB award to award GFL Environmental Services for environmental disposal services.	MOTION: Candis Stiles moved, and Rodd Miller seconded the approval to award RFB-TO-24-08 to GFL Environmental Services. Motion approved 6-0.	Richard Appelhanz

Old Business	Rodd asked about the continuation of USD 501 Students	Bob Nugent
	Ride Free (high school only right now). Do we add middle	
	school students? Do we want to if they don't have school	
	IDs? Bob said that is for the board to determine.	
	Additional issue with 501 pertains to Topeka High and the	
	curb on SW 10 <sup>th</sup> Street where the bus shelter is. The curb	
	needs to be moved back due to congestion & crowded	
	area. Sometimes causing accidents.	
	Bob mentioned that he, Keri and Denise had a meeting	
	with Dr. Bearman as Washburn University now has a	
	wrapped/promotional bus that they intend to use in a	
	video to recruit students to use their iCard (student ID)	
	for Topeka Metro. They are working around Dr.	
	Mazachek's schedule and will likely be closer to fall	
	semester.	
	Richard mentioned that the final budget will be ready for	
	the board to vote on at the June board meeting.	
	Proterra charger update: Bob said that they had a	
	conversation with Proterra regarding the reels/retractors	
	for the charging units. There has been an ongoing dispute	
	regarding pricing and product. There will be ongoing	
	discussions with Proterra and other possible vendors in	
	an attempt to resolve the dispute.	
	Proterra (Phoenix Motor Cars) previously said that the	
	buses we ordered would be produced in the late 4 <sup>th</sup>	
	Quarter of this year, however, now stating that it will be	
	late in 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter of next year. They're not	
	manufacturing many buses because of parts availability	
	which is slowing them down. Bob told them the two sides	
	would get together when they know more on their end.	
	His question is, are they going ahead with bus production	
	because they have to or that they want to? They have	
	only produced 18 buses total in 2024.	

	We need answers regarding the warranty on the		
	batteries.		
<b>Executive Session</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.		Scott Tummons

Respectfully Submitted –

Keri Renner, Topeka Metro Board Secretary