

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855

Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025

Call to Order: 6:02 PM by Chairman Sean Hobbins.

Roll Call:

Present: Sean Hobbins -Chair, Jamie Glenn, Ed Anderson, Jim Nankervis, Tim Overmyer, Jo Ellen Yeadon, Matt Barnhart.

Others Present: Bill Geller-Executive Director, Mike Richer-Operations Manager, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Janet Cobb-Administrative Assistant.

Excused or Absent: Barb Owdziej, Kevin Flohe, Dawn Schuknecht.

Minutes:

Motion made by Tim Overmyer to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Supported by Jamie Glenn. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to accept consent agenda items A-D by Jim Nankervis. Supported by Ed Anderson. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion made by Taylor Klipp to approve the agenda. Supported by Tim Overmyer. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority.

Ruby Miller and Organizer for We the People stated that public transit has been in a lot of their conversations of late. She and Katelyn Jensen rode a bus with Mike Richer and had a tour of Marq-Tran. They learned a lot.

Action Items:

1. Taylor Klipp presented the Operations Committee report from a meeting held on 7-15-25. They discussed the Requests for Proposals that received from two other vendors in addition to the first presenter at the April meeting for Public Relations. They Committee discussed the three proposals and decided it was best to go with the first one that was presented to us. Motion made by Ed Anderson. Seconded by Tim Overmyer. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
2. Sean Hobbins presented the Strategic Plan. This is a living document and can be changed as needed. Motion made by Taylor Klipp to accept the Strategic plan. Seconded by Tim Overmyer. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Any Old or New Business:

Bill Geller gave the Executives Directors report. He informed the board of the Annual Meeting presented by MDOT and MPTP that he will be attending in August. He reported we are still in the testing stages for the new dispatch software QRYDE. The Michigan Mobility Wallet has seen an increase of usage for bus fares. He will be meeting with the programmers to deal with some issues on the scheduling side of the software. Marq-tran had a presence at the Community Resource Fair. He thanked Mike Stagliano and Janet and Kristine for participating in the 4th of July parade with a Marq-Tran bus this year. As far as building issues go, we will go ahead with the new boilers. The fan unit in the A/C quit this month it will be replaced. Bill was questioned by Tim regarding the roof situation.

Upcoming meetings:

Board meeting August 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Board Member Comments:

Jo Ellen asked if there was a policy for toddlers and babies on the bus. She personally had an experience riding the bus. The Policy was explained to her by Mike Richer. She also asked about passengers using foul language on the bus. Mike said it's the driver's responsibility to control the bus.

Taylor Klipp stated that we are completing to large projects and we are making good progress.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:

Donavon Young expressed he has been relying on Marq-Tran for the last few years. He is concerned about these issues that affect him personally:

- Scheduling rides is complicated.
- Sundays Marq-Tran does not offer enough service.
- Holiday scheduling is not clear.
- The limited hours at the transfer station.
- Lack of signage.
- Riding on Indian Trails and trying to find a bus to go to the Transfer Station.

Carlee Sandstrom who works for a non-profit expressed scheduling frustration of clients. She is in support of more signage. How to ride the bus tutorials on our website sounds great.

Ruby Miller with We the people said we have signage issues. She would like to talk to each board member from the area they represent, about installing more signage in their respective areas.

Adjournment:

Chairman Sean Hobbins adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine McDonnell, Finance Officer