

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855
Held at the Ishpeming Facility
Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2025

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Chairman Sean Hobbins.

Roll Call:

Present: Sean Hobbins -Chair, Dawn Schuhknecht, Edward Anderson, Tim Overmyer, Jim Nankervis, Jo Ellen Yeadon.

Others Present: Bill Geller-Executive Director.

Excused or Absent: Taylor Klipp, Matt Barnhart, Barb Owdziej, Kevin Flohe, Jamie Glenn.

Minutes:

Motion made by Sean Hobbins to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Supported by Dawn Schuhknecht. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

Agenda:

Motion made by Dawn Schuhknecht to approve the agenda. Supported by Ed Anderson. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:

Alex Corones with Move NMU said they are trying to improve transportation options on campus. Many students are not aware that they can ride Marq-Tran for free. He would love to work with us to increase student awareness.

Kaitlyn Jensen stated she has been following the news in Lansing and is wondering how much the State is willing to put towards transportation.

Jessica Fitzsimmons said she wants to help Marq-Tran to be better and looking forward to the future improvements we are making.

Action Items:

1. Jim Nankervis presented the building and maintenance committee reports from 9-17-25 at the Marquette Facility and the Transfer Station. He also presented the 9-25-25 at the Ishpeming Facility. He told the board of the things that need to be addressed at the facilities. He stated all the buildings were clean and maintained well. Bill Geller has a list of the items that need attention. He will forward any concerns to the proper people.
2. Dawn Schuhknecht presented the finance committee report from the 9-10-25 meeting. The 3rd quarter of FY ending 9-30-25 financial reports were reviewed. She stated all looks good.

Any Old or New Business:

Bill Geller gave the Executives Directors report. He informed that the Michigan Mobility Wallet is being used more but, it is still in trial stage. Q Ryde dispatch software is moving slow. There is a problem with this software and our fixed routes. He will not use it until everything is worked out. It is not where it needs to be yet. We have our Mechanic Foreman going to Indiana for an inspection of the new buses. He will bring up any issues with the manufacturer and not let them be delivered until they are up to his standards. Marq-Tran is the first one to get new buses on this state contract. He stated that he visited the park in Gwinn that is funded by the shared streets and spaces grant. He said it looks very nice. The bus shelter pad has been poured and the bus shelter should be there soon. Bill discussed the Michigan Class investing group and wants to bring it to the Finance Committee to consider investing our CD monies into it. He mentioned that the City of Marquette just joined it. There are many municipalities involved with it. Bill did an interview with TV-6. He informed that the LBO from the state could possible range from 28 to 30 Percent this year. This is very low. He contacted Karl Bohnak about the two transits in his district. The Boiler installation is just about done. There is 12% Glycol in the system. Siren sent out a survey and boosted it on Facebook. He passed out some information to the board members from the meeting held here at Marq-Tran in September.

Upcoming meetings:

Board meeting November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Board Member Comments:

Ed Anderson stated he was aware of the survey put out by Siren. He also thanked Jim Nankervis for heading the building and maintenance committee meeting in Marquette as he was absent.

Sean Hobbins said thanks to the public in attendance for the comments and thanked them for attending.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:

Thanks for putting the survey out.

To ride the bus is very inexpensive and people might not mind a slight increase in our rates. They have been the same since 2005.

Adjournment:

Chairman Sean Hobbins adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine McDonnell, Finance Officer