

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855
Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025

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

Roll Call:

Present: Sean Hobbins, Taylor Klipp, Dawn Schuhknecht, Tim Overmyer, Jim Nankervis, Jo Ellen Yeadon, Jamie Glenn, Kevin Flohe.

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

Excused or Absent: Matt Barnhart, Ed Anderson, Barb Owdziej.

Minutes:

Motion made by Dawn Schuhknecht to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Supported by Jamie Glenn. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to accept consent agenda items A-D by Taylor Klipp. Supported by James Nankervis. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion made by Jim Nankervis to approve the agenda with the addition of Directors evaluation. Supported by Dawn Schuhknecht. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:

Ruby Miller of We the People stated she is grateful for the engagement with the Board. Barriers they identified are already being addressed by Marq-Tran. She suggested that board members use the service and have town hall meetings or coffee hours. She also suggested that as funding is a barrier people should advocate with legislators and MDOT. Zeik McClure said that he has had positive experiences riding Marq-Tran.

Action Items:

1. Wage increase approved for salaried employees 2.5%-4%. The wage increase will be up to the Executive Directors discretion. Motion made by Dawn Schuhknecht to approve. Supported by Jim Nankervis. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Any Old or New Business:

1. Bill Geller presented the Directors report. For the Michigan Mobility Wallet, we are offering a free two-week pass. QRYde is being tested out this week for door to door and fixed routes. Some of it works some of it does not. There is a meeting with them Wednesday and more training. Bill Requested a holiday bonus for employees. Motion made by Dawn Schuhknecht to

approve the new procedure for the Directors evaluation. Supported by Jo Ellen Yeadon. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

2. A letter was presented to the board from Siren.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance meeting December 18, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

Board meeting December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Board Member Comments:

Joe Ellen Yeadon was in favor of the new signs on the Ishpeming Shopper regarding aggressive behavior or other things in relation to that will not be tolerated.

Dawn Schuhknecht discussed Siren and the fact that we should use other options available to us to engage the public. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sean Hobbins discussed Siren also.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:

Ruby Miller suggested community ambassadors from Marq-tran riders, help with social media. Free help for free rides.

Other:

A closed session was called by the Chair at 6:25 PM. The executive director's evaluation was done by the committee heads this year and it worked well. The evaluation of the Director was good. A bonus was suggested and a raise. Motion was made by Taylor Klipp to approve the suggested raise and bonus. Seconded by Jamie Glenn. Unanimously approved. Motion carried. The closed session reopened at 6:28 PM.

Adjournment:

Chair Sean Hobbins adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine McDonnell, Finance Officer