

Marquette County Transit Authority  
1325 Commerce Drive  
Marquette, Michigan 49855 Board Meeting  
Minutes 01/15/2026

**Call to Order:**

6:00 pm by Chairman Sean Hobbins

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Ed Anderson, Matt Barnhart, Jamie Glenn, Sean Hobbins, Taylor Klipp, Jim Nankervis, Barb Owdziej, Tim Overmyer, Jo Ellen Yeadon, Bill Geller- Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell- Finance Officer, Janet Cobbs- Administrative Assistant, Mike Richer Operations Manager  
**Absent:** Dawn Schuhknecht, Kevin Flohe

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Klipp, supported by Nankervis to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2026 meeting.  
Motion passed

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Anderson, supported by Nankervis to approve Consent Agenda, motion passed which consisted of:  
A. Approve Accounts Payable for December 2025 in the amount of \$204,457.11 and payroll of \$179,191.88  
B. Monthly Operating Report  
C. Monthly Fleet Incident Report  
D. Budget Report from November 2025

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Klipp, supported by Overmyer to approve agenda, Owdziej requested clarification of Marq-tran policies around allowable services (Charters) to be added to the Executive Directors Report, motion passed

**Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:**

Adam Kall, a Forsyth Township resident asked the authority to consider contacting Google to allow facilitate the Marq-tran schedules added to Google Maps. According to Adam, the request must be initiated by the Authority.

**Action Items:**

1. Nomination and election of Officers: Motion made by Nankervis, supported by Anderson to keep the current slate, motion passed. Hobbins will continue as Chairman, Overmyer as Vice-Chair, Schuhknecht as Treasurer (she had notified Geller that she was willing) and Owdziej as Secretary
2. FY 2027 Annual Application and Resolution of Intent:  
Geller explains this an annual application which includes (already approved) budget and is the formal process which is required by the State. Motion made by Overmyer and supported by Yeadon to approve application, motion passed

**Any new or old business the ED or members wish to bring before the Board:** None

**Executive Directors Report:**

-Geller reminded the board members to complete their committee preferences form. -He met with the local advisory council, "The Action Club" on December fourth, (a disabilities group, whose input is required as part of appropriation of funding), when he discussed Marq-tran services. He also recently met with SAIL, which he described as an information sharing meeting to this organization.  
-Geller is anticipating the launch of Q-Ryde in February, and plans to implement this in stages initially training the staff before the release to the general public. He reports that "they are still working on tracking routes" and

expects a demonstration when they've completed this task. He's also scheduled a demo with this company for an electronic payment system (board requested as a possible replacement for the Michigan Mobility Wallet, which is proving to be inadequate for long term use).

-Geller reports the water heater needed to be replaced (cost of 3,200.00).

-Geller reporting that the State is requesting roof repair funds (any capital projects) need to be included on the application to the State. Is unsure if the current roof repairs can wait until funding is approved. **Overmyer** asked about including referrals from the companies that had assessed the current status of the roof. Geller reports those reports are included in the application.

-Geller states he can contact Google to include routes and timing (addressing request from Adam Kall).

-Geller explains that Marq-tran is prohibited from competing against private transportation companies. Specifically, Marq-tran is prohibited from using government funds to compete against private entities. He mentions that there are several routes provided to NMU, (shopper route, hockey shuttle). He does further explain that services classified as "Charter" can be complicated, routes and timing need to be established and the service has to be available to the general public. Services to disabled and seniors are eligible though these services are clearly designated. Generally, services should be between Marq-tran (government agency) and another government agency. **Richer** explains that financing the

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se services is complicated and must be managed carefully, he reports that they check in with the State to ensure that their services aren't designated Charter as the Authority can be penalized if found to be operating a Charter service without proper designation.

-Geller states the Michigan Mobility wallet funding ends this summer is meeting with Q-Ryde, and plans to connect with other providers to evaluate software compatibility as a replacement.

**Overmyer** requests an update at the February board meeting.

-**Anderson** asks about the fleet incidents this month, noting an increase wondering if weather related. **Richer** reports minor incidents, reviews several examples from December, and adds "none of our accidents this year have been major". He explains that if drivers are ticketed, they are responsible for the ticket, though accidents are reviewed on by the committee to determine if driver was acting negligently, and is "handled by everybody".

#### **Board member comments:**

Yeadon: Verbalized appreciation for a Marq-tran pickup that accommodated her schedule when a scheduled route was late.

Klipp: Suggested that board members review the strategic plan, especially as it relates to the assigned committee positions.

Hobbins: States he's excited to be the Chairperson for another year, and that he really enjoys the position and the support.

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#### **Adjournment:**

Chair adjourned at 6:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Barb Owdziej  
Secretary