

BATA Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Hall St. Transfer Station, 115 Hall St. Traverse City, MI

Date/Time: 10:30AM, Thursday, July 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Schmidt at 10:30 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

- John Sommavilla - PRESENT
- Lance Boehmer – PRESENT
- Gwenne Allgaier – PRESENT
- Joe Underwood – PRESENT
- Fern Spence – TARDY ARRIVED @ 10:31
- Wayne Schmidt - PRESENT

4. First Public Comment*

No public comment was made at this time.

However, the following comments were made by the Board and staff during this time:

Chairperson Wayne Schmidt thanked everyone who attended the previous meeting and extended his apologies, along with Joe Underwood's, for not being able to attend. He also expressed appreciation for the excellent work of BATA's bus drivers during the Cherry Festival, noting that his own experience with a driver was very positive.

Chris Davis thanked the Board for their prompt RSVP responses, which helped in efficiently scheduling the meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Moved by Lance Boehmer and supported by Gwenne Allgaier to approve the Agenda/Declaration of Conflict of Interest as presented.

- **Ayes: 6**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Motion Carries: 6-0**

6. Closed Session

a. Closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to discuss an attorney's written opinion that is exempt from disclosure under state and federal law.

Moved by Lance Boehmer and supported by Joe Underwood for the BATA Board of Directors to go into closed session at **10:32AM** to discuss an attorney written opinion that is exempt from discussion disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts from public disclosure "[i]nformation or records to the attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** John Somnavilla, Lance Boehmer, Gwenne Allgaier, Joe Underwood, Fern Spence, and Wayne Schmidt
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 6-0

Moved by Fern Spence and supported by Lance Boehmer to adjourn Closed Session and reopen the Special Meeting at 11:23 AM.

- **Ayes:** 6
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 6-0

7. Second Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

8. Director's Comments and Announcements/ Open Floor

Chris Davis reminded the Board that the Michigan Public Transit Association (MPTA) Annual Conference at Crystal Mountain will be held August 18–20. BATA will be recognized with an award for 40 years of service.

Chris also informed the Board that there is an ongoing situation with an employee who may attempt to contact Board members directly. If any Board member receives such communication, they are asked to notify Chris.

Fern Spence shared that she recently brought her bike to Suttons Bay and used BATA's services. She noted that her experience was enjoyable and complimented the driver for excellent service.

Chris Davis extended compliments to BATA's drivers and staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

Lance Boehmer reported receiving positive feedback from a colleague who recently used the BATA Airport Shuttle Service.

Eric Lingaur will present a full report on the Airport Shuttle Service at the September Board meeting.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Wayne Schmidt to adjourn the July 21, 2025, Special Meeting of the BATA Board of Directors at 11:28 AM.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Tracy MeJ

Meeting Minutes Approved on: 8/14/25

Lance Boehmer, Secretary: [Signature]