

BATA Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Hall Street Transfer Station, 115 Hall Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Schmidt at 1:03 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

- John Somnavilla – PRESENT
- Gwenne Allgaier – PRESENT
- Sarah Bye – PRESENT
- Janice Wyant – PRESENT
- Fern Spence – PRESENT
- Lance Boehmer – PRESENT
- Fern Spence – PRESENT
- Wayne Schmidt – PRESENT

4. First Public Comment*

No public comment was offered.

5. Approval of Agenda/Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Motion by Fern Spence, supported by Lance Boehmer, to approve the June 11, 2026, Special Board Meeting Agenda/Declaration of Conflict of Interest as presented.

- **Ayes: 7**
- **Nays: 0**
- **Motion Carries: 7-0**

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.

Motion by Lance Boehmer, supported by Fern Spence, for the BATA Board of Directors to go into Closed Session at 1:05 PM to discuss an attorney's written opinion that is exempt from discussion disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts from public disclosure information or records to the attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote:

- **Ayes:** John Sommavilla, Gwenne Allgaier, Sarah Bye, Janice Wyant, Fern Spence, Lance Boehmer, and Wayne Schmidt
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 7-0

Motion by Lance Boehmer, supported by Fern Spence, to adjourn Closed Session and reopen the Special Meeting at 1:40 PM.

- **Ayes:** 7
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 7-0

7. Approval of the Updates to the Job Description of the Executive Director.

Motion by Fern Spence, supported by Janice Wyant, to approve the updates to the job description of the Executive Director.

- **Ayes:** 7
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 7-0

8. Approval of the Employment Agreement with Patrick Preusser for the Position of Executive Director

Motion by Lance Boehmer, supported by Sarah Bye, to approve the employment agreement with Patrick Preusser and authorize the Board Chairman to execute the agreement upon receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check.

- **Ayes:** John Sommavilla, Gwenne Allgaier, Sarah Bye, Janice Wyant, Fern Spence, Lance Boehmer, and Wayne Schmidt
- **Nays:** 0
- **Motion Carries:** 7-0

9. Human Resource Partners Contract

a. Consideration of Addendum to Current Human Resource Partners Contract

Motion by Lance Boehmer, supported by Sarah Bye, to consider an addendum to the current Human Resource Partners contract. The Board discussed the extra work that Human Resource Partners did above and beyond the original contract, including travel expenses to bring the new Executive Director and his spouse from Colorado to visit the region.

- **Ayes:** 7
- **Nays:** 0

- **Motion Carries: 7-0**

Chairperson Schmidt thanked the Board for their extra work throughout the Executive Director search process.

10. Second Public Comment*

No public comment was offered.

11. Director's Comments and Announcements/Open Floor

- Jim Somnavilla requested the Board ensure that a two-week onboarding schedule is drafted and approved by the Board prior to the new Executive Director's arrival on July 22, 2026. It was recommended that the plan include scheduled meetings with local leaders/dignitaries, Board members, and key Directors, and that the job duties help guide the onboarding plan. Chairman Schmidt will ask Chris Davis to draft an onboarding plan to share with the Board at the June 25, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
- Fern Spence asked about onboarding for Board Members, because she did not receive onboarding. The other Board members said they received onboarding.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Schmit adjourned the meeting at 1:53 PM. The next BATA Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Hall Street Transfer Station, 115 Hall Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Kelly Walter

Meeting Minutes Approved, as Amended, on: June 25, 2026

Gwenne Allgaier, Secretary: Gwenne Allgaier