



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 16TH 2026 AT 4:30 PM AT THE INTERURBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.
PRESENT: BABINSKI, GUSTAFSON, JOHNSON, PULLEN, SCHNEIDER, SLATER, ESQUIVEL.
ABSENT: MUNCEY. ALSO PRESENT: CARTEN-CRANDELL, ROBILLARD, VANHUISEN.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS “D”: SAUGATUCK SCHOOL BUSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: LUCIE REGITS IS A RIDER WITH DISABILITIES THAT PREVENT HER FROM DRIVING. SHE RELIES ON THE ITA FOR TRANSPORTATION TO HER VOLUNTEER POSITION AT FELL IN LOVE FARMS. WHEN SERVICE TO LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP WAS DISCONTINUED, SHE LOST ACCESS TO THIS OPPORTUNITY. THE ADDITION OF FELL IN LOVE FARMS AS AN ITA DESTINATION STOP RESTORES THAT ACCESS AND ALLOWS LUCIE TO CONTINUE SERVING THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, LUCIE, FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SUPPORT.

COMMUNICATIONS: MOTION BY GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR WAIVER RELATED TO THE UNDERFUNDED MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION ACCOUNT. SUPPORTED BY SCHNEIDER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GUSTAFSON TO APPROVE THE MAY 19TH 2026 MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY SCHNEIDER. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY PULLEN TO PAY THE MAY 2026 BILLS FOR \$164,991.99 SUPPORT BY SCHNEIDER. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

A FINANCIAL STATUS/RIDERSHIP: THE CASH POSITION REMAINS STRONG. WITH THREE MONTHS LEFT IN THE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING REMAINS WELL WITHIN THE BUDGET. MAY WAS ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING MONTH FOR RIDERSHIP. THE ITA CARRIED 6848 PASSENGERS!

B. THE SPARE SOFTWARE IS BEING FINE TUNED BY THE ACCOUNT MANAGER.

NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION BY GUSTAFSON TO INCREASE THE DIRECTOR’S 2026 MERIT INCREASE FROM 5.1% TO 6.5% OR \$88,320.29, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST 2026. SUPPORTED BY PULLEN. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: BABINSKI, GUSTAFSON, JOHNSON, PULLEN, SCHNEIDER, SLATER. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED. THE DECISION WAS MADE BASED ON PERFORMANCE AND DATA OBTAINED FROM THE MI PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL SURVEY OF SALARIES.

B. HEALTH CARE RATES FOR FY2027 WILL INCREASE 1.8% OVER THE FY2026. THE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS WILL CONTINUE AT \$1600 & \$3200.

C. MOTION BY JOHNSON TO OPT OUT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE CAP FOR THE 2026-2027 BENEFIT YEAR. SUPPORTED BY GUSTAFSON. MOTION CARRIED.

D. THE DIRECTOR AND THE SAUGATUCK SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ARE DISCUSSING FUNDING OPTIONS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:26 PM BY PULLEN.

LORI BABINSKI
SECRETARY

MICHELLE ROBILLARD
RECORDING SECRETARY