

**Board of Directors of the Kansas City Streetcar  
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July 28, 2022  
Meeting Summary Minutes**

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600 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

**1. Call to Order**

Michael Collins called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary Minutes**

George Guastello moved to approve the March 31 and May 19 meetings minutes, Edward Merriman seconded and the motion carried.

**3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**4. Streetcar Board and Membership Updates**

- A. Renewal of Board Terms- Tom Gerend said that the only Board member whose term is up for renewal is Stacey Paine. Ms. Paine has expressed interest in remaining on the Board. She serves as a private director and her term renewal must be approved by the majority of the private directors. Jason Swords moved to approve renewing Stacey Paine's term; Edward Merriman seconded. Jason Swords, George Guastello, Edward Merriman, Michael Collins and Stacey Paine voted yes, and the motion carried.
- B. Committee Membership Review. Mr. Gerend reminded the Directors that the annual call for new member nominations for the Operations and Marketing committee would end soon. He asked for Board members to think about individuals who would be great additions.

**5. 2024 KCSA Budget**

Tom Gerend said it is time to approve the FY2024 budget, after it is approved, it will be sent to the TDD Board and to the City of Kansas City. For the past year KCSA's financial and operations agenda has been driven by our organization's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, actively supporting downtown's post-COVID recovery through recovery of service and schedule and preparing for extensive system growth through the advancement of multiple expansion projects. KCSA's financial performance this past fiscal year (FY2022) was as anticipated, finishing the year under budget while supporting increased service levels with a focus on customer satisfaction and continuous improvement. A budget narrative was in the Board of Director's meeting packets. Mr. Gerend offered some highlights that recapped the FY22 budget, FY23 amendment and the FY24 V1.2 budget. The FY23 amendment and the FY24 budget were included in the members packets.

Stacey Paine added that the Budget and Finance committee met and did a deep dive on the details, and they recommend approval of the amended FY23 and Draft FY24 budgets, Lynn Carlton seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

**6. Streetcar Expansion and Study Updates**

**A. Main Street Extension** –Jason Waldron updated the Board on the Main Street Extension. Water and utility work is nearing completion. There is a community completion event planned on August 27 from 9:00-11:00 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Day School. Mr. Waldron reviewed the track construction timeline and discussed the process.

Construction on the VMF extension has started. The construction crew is mobilized and on site. Pier and foundation work on the new warehouse for inventory and early work for bay 4 expansion has started. Mr. Gerend said this is the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of 3 phases.

B. Riverfront Extension- Ralph Davis gave the update, 60% of design has been received, and they anticipate receiving 100% design plans in October. Bids for the rail package have been received. The plan is to issue construction plans late 2022, send out for bid in early 2023, with construction starting spring 2023 to 2024. The Bike-Ped bridge project will follow a similar schedule. In response to a question raised about staging, Mr. Davis said they are looking at complete closure of the Grand St. Viaduct. Once the plan is finalized, community outreach will be paramount.

C. North Rail Update – Lauren Krutty reported that the North Rail Study has a draft of a locally preferred alternative. There was a consensus that the NKC Swift Alignment was the better alternative, preferably the east side of the Heart of America Bridge. This will require additional technical feasibility to be completed in the next phase. The connection to the existing system requires further technical feasibility to be completed in the next phase. Narrowed alternatives resulted in a double track at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street or a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Street couple alternative. The service plan remains flexible. She said the financial strategy would include local, state and federal. Next Steps are to wrap up the study by approving the LPA and the study documentation, and prepare for future project phase.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### ***Operations Committee***

Lauren Krutty said ridership is showing a 75% recovery of where it was prior to the pandemic. Trends show that our ridership is up in the last hour of service and on weekends. Staff are having discussions with the city of Kansas City's parking manager about parking concerns in the Crossroads. There was a robust discussion on managing the parking inventory in places there are problems and towing policy to mitigate blockages. Angie Laurie added that Public Works is working on implementation of improvements to the parking program.

### ***Marketing Committee***

Tom Gerend reported on the marketing and communication activities. He also shared pictures of the Art in the Loop Program and reminded the Board of the Performance Art Series and upcoming marketing and communication activities.

### ***Budget and Finance Committee***

The Budget and Finance committee approved the May and June financial reports. Russ Johnson moved to approve, Stacey Paine seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

## **8. Executive Director's report**

Tom Gerend shared an email feedback that complimented the system, Streetcar Ambassador and the operators.

9. Edward Merriman moved to vote to temporarily close this meeting to the public, pursuant to our authority to do so under subsections 1, 11, and 12 of Section 610.021 of the Missouri Statutes - which authorizes the Authority to close its meetings to the extent the discussion relates to any confidential or privileged communications with its attorney, sealed bids or proposals or related documents, any documents related to a negotiated contract or specifications for competitive bidding, or employees and that the meeting be reopened to the public upon conclusion of those discussions. Jan Marcason seconded the motion. A roll call of following board members voted to go into closed session: Lynn Carlton, Michael Collins, George Guastello, David Johnson, Russ Johnson, Jan Marcason, Edward Merriman, Stacey Paine, Susan Ford- Robertson, Matt Staub, Jason Swords. No board members voted against the motion.

George Guastello moved to vote to return to open session. Jan Marcason seconded the motion. Roll call of following board members voted to go into closed session: Lynn Carlton, Michael Collins, George Guastello, David Johnson, Russ Johnson, Jan Marcason, Edward Merriman, Stacey Paine, Susan Ford- Robertson, Matt Staub, Jason Swords no board members voted against the motion.

10. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 via Zoom conferencing and in person at the VMF.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Board Members Attending**

Lynn Carlton  
Michael Collins  
George Guastello  
David Johnson  
Russ Johnson  
Jan Marcason  
Edward Merriman  
Stacey Paine  
Susan Ford- Robertson  
Matt Staub  
Jason Swords

**Others attending**

Ralph Davis, KCSA  
Tom Gerend, KCSA  
Ebony Jackson, KCSA  
Lauren Krutty, KCSA  
Angie Laurie, KCMO  
Donna Mandelbaum, KCSA  
Gil Melgajero, HTSI  
Charlie Miller, Lewis Rice  
Jason Waldron, KCMO