

**DTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES HELD ON AUGUST 27, 2026
AT 4:00 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT:	Chairperson	Mr. Robert Cramer
	Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. John Naglick
		Mr. John Paul Rea
		Hon. James Tate
BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:	Vice Chairperson	Mr. Samuel Krassenstain
		Mr. Brandon Lockhart

DETROIT TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:	Ms. Melia Howard, General Manager
	Mr. Ernest Latham, Dep. General Manager
	Ms. Ericka Alexander
	Mr. Kevin Burwell
	Ms. Ophelia Crawford
	Ms. Pamela Day
	Ms. Karen Foster
	Ms. Sarah Gryniewicz
	Mr. Curt Knudsen
	Mr. Ernest Latham
	Ms. Michele Pollock
	Mr. Cliff Powell
	Mr. Christopher Thomas
	Mr. Mike Walter

OTHER ATTENDEES:	Mr. Terry Cramer
	Mr. Khalil Davis, WSP
	Ms. Annette Hammerle
	Mr. Robert Gorski
	Mr. Jacob Graham
	Mr. Robert Pawlowski
	Mr. Dave Rich
	Mr. Jordan Simon

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Remarks

Chairperson Mr. Robert Cramer called the meeting of the Detroit Transportation Corporation Board of Directors to order at approximately 4:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. Samuel Krassenstein to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to approve the amended agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 30, 2026

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick to adopt the Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting held on July 30, 2026.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Action Items

3. Resolution: Authorization to Enter into a Funding Agreement with Downtown Detroit Authority (DDA)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick that the General Manager shall be, and is hereby, authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors, on behalf of the Corporation, to execute a FY26/27 funding agreement with the City of Detroit Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Discussion: Ms. Karen Foster stated that our budget includes funding from the City of Detroit through an operating subsidy in the amount of \$7.45 million. She stated that it has been recommended by the City and DDA to have the funding moved to DDA to funnel those dollars to DTC. Ms. Foster stated that the balance remaining in what is due to DTC from the City of Detroit after one billing has been performed and funded to DTC is Five Million Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 0/100 (\$5,587,500), which is the amount that DDA is now expected to fund DTC for operating subsidy. Ms. Foster stated that it was approved by DDA's Board, and we are now asking for our Board's approval for our General Manager to enter into an agreement to change the funding source from the City of Detroit to DDA.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. Resolution: Authorization for Approval of Labor Agreement between DTC and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Maintenance Supervisor Unit

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to implement the wage increase between DTC and AFSCME Local 2394, Maintenance Supervisors, consistent with the Tentative Agreement reached and ratified on August 13, 2026.

Discussion: Ms. Sarah Gryniewicz stated that the resolution requests approval for a 2% wage increase. Mr. Robert Cramer mentioned that this is the same as the other agreements that have been approved.

Hon. James Tate asked about the timeframe for the next screening for the wage opener. Ms. Melia Howard answered that it is a one-year agreement, and then we'll go back again next year for our final year for the wage opener. Hon. Tate asked when the negotiations for the opener would begin. Ms. Howard said that the negotiations should start in the spring so that we will have an agreement in place by the fiscal year.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. Resolution: Authorization for Approval of Labor Agreement between DTC and Teamsters Local 214 Maintenance Employee Unit

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick, that the General Manager shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors on behalf of the Corporation to implement the wage increase between DTC and Teamsters Local 214, Maintenance Employee Unit, consistent with the Tentative Agreement reached and ratified on August 14, 2026.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

6. Resolution: Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Purchase Agreement for Vehicle HVAC Repair

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea, supported by Mr. John Naglick, that the General Manager is authorized, empowered, and directed by the Board of Directors to amend the Purchase Agreement with Technical Hot & Cold for HVAC system repairs on Car #9 and Car #10 at an additional cost of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$16,222.00).

Discussion: Mr. Ernest Latham stated that last month we came forward with a request for the cost of the replacement of the compressors. However, there was one component that the vendor did not quote at about Eight Thousand Dollars and 0/100 (\$8,000.00) a piece, which includes labor. He stated that it was a needed component to make the system run efficiently. He said that the vendor, Technical Hot and Cold, came back with a quote of an additional Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Two and 0/100 (\$16,222.00).

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

7. WALK-ON RESOLUTION: Authorization to Award a Contract for Transit Advertising Sales

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick that the General Manager is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed by the DTC Board of Directors to enter into an agreement with Brooklyn Outdoor for a Transit Advertising Sales Revenue Contract for five (5) years with two (2) 1-year renewal options.

Discussion: Ms. Michele Pollock stated that there is a need for a revenue contract for DTC. She stated that we sent out a solicitation and received two (2) responses. Ms. Pollock stated that the evaluation committee evaluated the responses and found Brooklyn Outdoor to have a higher share-of-revenue program of 60%. Ms. Pollock stated that we are requesting that the Board award a contract to Brooklyn Outdoor.

Mr. John Naglick asked whether the current advertisers are already under contract or whether Brooklyn would take over their management. Ms. Michele Pollock answered that the advertisers are currently under contract.

Mr. Robert Cramer noted the 60% revenue split that Brooklyn Outdoor has committed to and asked whether there is any guaranteed minimum monthly payment. Ms. Michele Pollock answered in the negative. Mr. Robert Cramer asked whether there were any restrictions on the advertising locations available to Brooklyn Outdoor, such as specific stations or trains. Ms. Melia Howard responded that we currently have a three-year contract with Attorney Joumana Kayrouz for one particular train in effect.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. General Manager / Staff Reports

New Hire – Mr. Ernest Latham announced Ms. Riquia Boyd as the new Facilities & Maintenance Technician.

Ms. Melia Howard congratulated Ms. Sarah Gryniewicz, Mr. Jela Ellefson, Ms. Karen Foster, and Ms. Pollock on their hard work in getting DTC's capital budget and capital plan in place. and submitted it to the City in a timely fashion, meeting the deadline. Ms. Howard thanked Mr. Mike Walter and WSP for getting our facilities condition assessment completed literally two months in advance. She also thanked Ms. Sarah Gryniewicz and Mr. Ernest Latham for starting and working through the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan. She stated that the next assignment is to update PTIMS, Part 2 for MDOT, and that Ms. Ophelia Crawford has been delegated to complete the task. Ms. Melia Howard announced that Ms. Michele Pollock has postponed her retirement from DTC. Ms. Howard commended Chief Powell and the Transit Officers on the job they have been performing. She stated that we have a heavy focus at the Michigan Station and platform. Ms. Melia Howard stated that Ms. Ericka Alexander has been with the Council members, conducting community relations at their events and outings. Ms. Howard stated that Mr. Curt Knudsen attended the Water Square meeting with Mr. Torgow and that a complete construction plan is in place. She stated that we will begin in September with an end date of March 6, 2027.

Mr. Robert Cramer suggested that we start planning for a ribbon cutting or rededication of the Water Square Station. He also suggested doing a collaboration message with information for the NCAA. Ms. Melia Howard stated that the project has been timed with the opening of the hotel and will make sure that we support Ms. Ericka Alexander and Ms. Madonna Van Fossen with the advertising that has to go into the system and stations.

Mr. John Naglick added that there is a focus all around the city in anticipation of the Final Four coming to the city next year. He stated that yesterday at the DDA Board meeting, they took on a project at Michigan Avenue from Campus Martius to Cass. He stated that it frees up also funds in the City's budget and keeps that project moving. He stated that the project area to be cut off is where Michigan Avenue ends at the Coney Island restaurants and will be ready for the Final Four event. He stated that when people come to the Coney Islands during the Final Four, that'll be an all-new look.

Mr. Curt Knudsen stated that two weeks ago Spectrum Neon removed the entire art framework display from underneath the Greektown Station and on the sides. He stated that the pieces have been taken back to their shop and that they will generate CAD drawings, which will take two to three weeks. He said that Spectrum Neon will then submit the drawings to us for review and approval, and once that happens, they will start fabrication, which will take approximately three (3) months. Mr. Knudsen stated that the installation will take place from December to January.

Mr. John Naglick asked if the opening of Monroe Street is known. Ms. Curt Knudsen answered in the negative.

9. Public Participation

Ms. Annette Hammerle expressed her excitement about the opportunity to listen and learn about DTC's projects. Ms. Melia Howard asked Ms. Hammerle if she is a part of the U of M Albert Kahn Society. Ms. Hammerle answered in the negative but stated that she does business development and strategic relationships for Albert Kahn.

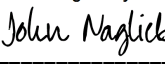
10. Board Member Comments

There were no Board Member Comments.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. John Paul Rea and supported by Mr. John Naglick to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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John Naglick, Corporation Secretary