

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 16th day of June 2026 at 4:00p.m. at the Metro Bus Operations Center. Commissioner Kleis presided with the following present:

Commissioners:	1. Dave Kleis
	2. Ken Schmitt
	3. Ryan Fitzthum
	4. Kurt Hunstiger
	5. Dave Masters
Chief Executive Officer:	Ryan Daniel
Chief Operations Officer:	Dave Green
Chief Financial Officer:	Nene Israel

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: **Commissioner Hunstiger moved, and Commissioner Masters seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting

6.) April 2026 Balance Sheet, Income Statement, & List of Bills

7.) May 2026 Balance Sheet, Income Statement, & List of Bills

8.) April & May 2026 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride

Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of Fixed Route Operator Jason Hiivala: CTAA Roadeo Award Winner. **No Motion.**

10.) Consideration of Procurement Policy Revisions. Gary Korneck informed the Commissioners that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently revised their third-party contracting circular. The changes made to the Metro Bus Procurement Policy were made to reflect the changes made by the FTA.

Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Procurement Policy Revisions. Motion carried.

11.) Resolution #2026-02, MnDOT Authorizing Resolution for Calendar Year 2027 Dial-A-Ride. Nene Israel noted that these resolutions are required to apply for MnDOT operating contracts. Ms. Israel informed the Commissioners that this is an annual requirement for Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route services. **Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Masters seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2026-02, MnDOT Authorizing Resolution for Calendar Year 2027 Dial-A-Ride. Motion carried.**

12.) Resolution #2026-03, MnDOT Authorizing Resolution for Calendar Year 2027 Fixed Route. **Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Masters seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2026-03, MnDOT Authorizing Resolution for Calendar Year 2027 Fixed Route. Motion carried.**

13.) Consideration of FY2027 Budget Proposal and Tax Levy. Nene Israel presented the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2027 to the Commissioners. She noted an increase to the tax levy of \$500,000, due in part to scheduled vehicle replacement, the Western Transit Center project in Waite Park, as well as the need for additional staffing for the Western Transit Center. **Commissioner Masters moved, and**

Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve Consideration of FY2027 Budget Proposal and Tax Levy. Motion carried.

14.) Resolution #2026-04 Setting Preliminary Levy on Taxable Property in Transit Area.

Commissioner Masters moved, and Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2026-04 Setting Preliminary Levy on Taxable Property in Transit Area. Motion carried.

Department Update. Community Outreach and Mobility Manager, Debbie Anderson addressed the Commissioners about work being done at the Mobility Training Center (MTC). Ms. Anderson noted that long-time Community Outreach and Mobility Specialist, Kim Hoff, had retired after 37 years of service with Metro Bus. The MTC is still seeing a fair amount of walk-in traffic totaling 517 individuals, year to date. Most people are there to either fill out a Dial-a-Ride application or to get general information about the Dial-a-Ride service. Year to date, staff at the MTC have performed 397 Dial-a-Ride interviews and 29 assessments. The MTC Staff approved 451 people to use the Dial-a-Ride service in 2025. Ms. Anderson also informed the Commissioners that staff at the Mobility Training Center took part in 293 outreach activities in 2025.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.**