

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 21st day of July 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 Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

6.) June 2026 Balance Sheet, Income Statement

7.) June 2026 List of Bills

8.) June 2026 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride

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

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Recognition of Governor's Safety Award. **No Motion.**

10.) Consideration of Final FY2027 Budget and Tax Levy. Nene Israel noted that there were no changes from the preliminary budget and tax levy. There was no public comment presented during the open comment period. **Commissioner Masters moved, and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve FY2026 Final Budget and Tax Levy. Commissioner Fitzthum and Commissioner Hunstiger opposed the motion. Motion carried 3-2.**

14.) Resolution #2026-05 Setting Final Levy on Taxable Property in Transit Area.

Commissioner Fitzthum moved, and Commissioner Schmitt seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2026-05 Setting Preliminary Levy on Taxable Property in Transit Area. Commissioner Fitzthum and Commissioner Hunstiger opposed the motion. Motion carried 3-2. Motion carried.

Department Update. Dial-a-Ride Operations Manager, Missy Kraemer noted that in 2026, Metro Bus again had participants that went to the State Roadeo and all three placed in the top five with Operator David Peacock taking first place. Ms. Kraemer stated that in fiscal year 2025 Dispatchers in the Call Center handled 82,492 phone calls averaging roughly two minutes. To date in fiscal year 2026 Dispatchers have handled 56,327 phone calls averaging around two minutes. Dial-a-Ride Operators carried out 119,190 rides in fiscal year 2026 which is slightly higher than fiscal year 2025, which saw 115,151 Rides. Overall ridership is up 3.51% since fiscal year 2025. Ms. Kraemer informed the Commissioners that Metro Bus is currently looking to fill two Dial-a-Ride Operator positions along with one Dispatcher position. There will be a need to hire additional Dispatchers soon with the completion of the Wester Transit Center.

Adjournment. Commissioner Schmitt moved, and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.