

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 26, 2025

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Vice Board Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Belt
John Ewing Jr.
Roger Garcia
David Grauman
Rusty Hike
David Klug
Don Rowe
Matt Walsh – Vice Chair
Angie Winquist

Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor
Mayor, City of Omaha
Douglas County Commissioner
Assistant City Attorney, City of Omaha Law *[non-voting]*
Mayor, City of Bellevue
Sarpy County Commissioner
Omaha City Council
Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
IA Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of Glenwood

Members/Officers Absent

Patrick Bloomingdale
Douglas Kindig – Chair

Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County *[non-voting]*
Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of La Vista

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MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson
Sue Cutsforth
Andrew Kresin

Court Barber
Elise Emanuel
Carlos Morales

Christina Brownell
Matt Eash
Magraret Weigle

Helen Corrigan
Laura Heilman
Elizabeth Zeller

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the June 26, 2025 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Rowe to approve the agenda of the June 26, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the May 22, 2025 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS – (Information)

1. AGENCY REPORTS

a. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Michael Helgerson

Mr. Helgerson was absent to the meeting but provided the Board with packets on agency projects, activities and events including: State and Federal Updates; June Council of Officials meeting at The Granary in Ralston; MAPA In the News; recap of the NARC Annual Conference in Seattle, WA; welcome to new staff members Maggie Weigle Community Development Planner & Andrew Kresin Communication & Outreach Intern.

b. Intern Report: Helen Corrigan, Communications & Outreach Intern - Ms. Corrigan presented a recap to the Board on projects and efforts during her internship at MAPA.

- c. Comm Dev Update – Grant Anderson, Community & Economic Development & Outreach.
Mr. Anderson gave the Board a department update on active and upcoming projects and activities.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

The following items were approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Directors.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the June 18, 2025 meeting

2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS – (ACTION)

- a. Florence Home - 5310 - PMT #9 - \$7,987.04
- b. Council Bluffs Community Schools - ICOG 5-2-1-0 - PMT #1 - \$500.00
- c. Council Bluffs Schools Foundation - ICOG 5-2-1-0 - PMT #1 - \$12,590.56
- d. High Street Consulting Group LLC - Data Support Plan - PMT #13 - \$3,661.74
- e. 712 Initiative - ICOG 5-2-1-0 - PMT #1 - \$2,130.00
- f. Edison Elementary - ICOG 5-2-1-0 - PMT #1 - \$1,743.55
- g. Together Inc. - ICOG 5-2-1-0 - PMT #1 - \$3,750.00

3. FY 2026 MAPA STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE -

The Board considered for approval of the FY 2026 MAPA Strategic Plan update.

4. FY 2026 MEETING CALENDAR DATES -

The Board considered for approval of the FY 2026 Meeting Calendar Dates.

5. FY 2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Board considered for approval of the FY 2026 MAPA Committee members list

6. FY 2026 STAFF BILLING RATES

The Board considered for approval authorization for MAPA to charge hourly rates for contractual services performed for Members that generally align to MAPA's direct and indirect costs, and to charge non-members an additional 25%.

7. TRAVEL –

- a. 2025 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Annual Conference - 3 Staff - September 14-19, 202 - Providence, RI – \$9,754.86

8. RESOLUTION 2025-24: FY 2026 DEPOSITORY - DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION –

The Finance Committee recommended Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) and American National Bank as Depositories for FY 2026 and the Executive Director, Director of Finance and Treasurer as Depository for MAPA FY 2026.

9. APPOINTMENT OF THE FY 2026 SECRETARY / TREASURER –

The Board requested to ratify the Chairperson's appointment of Patrick Bloomingdale as Secretary / Treasurer for FY 2026.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Belt to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2025-25: FY2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT #7 (ACTION)

Mr. Barber presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2025-25: TIP Amendment #7 which included changes to a project sponsored by Sarpy County and a series of regional planning efforts MAPA is assisting with

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Belt to approve Resolution 2025 – 25: TIP Amendment #7.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS –

1. FY 2026 LEGAL COUNSEL– (ACTION)

- a. The Board requested to ratify the Chairperson's appointment of Matt Kuhse, Omaha City Attorney as Legal Counsel for FY 2026.
- b. Legal Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): MAPA and City of Omaha
Mrs. Brownell presented to the Board for approval an MOU between MAPA and the City of Omaha which outlines the objectives, responsibilities for each party and term.

MOTION by Winquist, SECOND by Rowe to approve FY 2026 Legal Counsel Appointment and the Legal Services MOU: MAPA and City of Omaha.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. NEW CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS– (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the New Contracts and Agreements listed below.

- a. Douglas County GIS FY26 Subaward: \$49,000
- b. Pottawattamie County GIS FY26 Subaward: \$49,000
- c. Sarpy County GIS FY26 Subaward: \$35,000
- d. Metro Regional Transit Authority FY26 Subaward: \$56,000
- e. Intercultural Senior Center 5310 Subaward: \$94,838
- f. City of Council Bluffs 5310 Subaward: \$176,000

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Klug to approve New Contracts & Agreements listed above.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2026 AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTIONS– (ACTION)

- a. Resolution 2025–26: FY 2026 Annual Authorization Resolution –
The Board considered for approval Resolution 2025–26: FY 2026 Annual Authorization Resolution to authorize the Executive Director to file, negotiate and execute applications, contract agreements, assurances and other documents required with the federal and state agencies as listed in the resolution.
- b. Resolution 2025–27: FY 2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Authorization Resolution –
The Board considered for approval Resolution 2025 – 27: FY 2026 Annual Authorization Resolution to authorize the Executive Director to file, negotiate and execute applications, contract agreements, assurances and other documents required with the federal and state agencies as listed in the resolution for STBG and CMAQ funded projects.

MOTION by Belt, SECOND by Klug to approve Resolution 2025-26: FY 2026 Annual Authorization Resolution and Resolution 2025-27: FY 2026 STBG and CMAQ Authorization Resolution.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winquist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. RESOLUTION 2025 – 28: FINAL FY 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)– (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the Final FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Belt to approve the Resolution 2025 - 28.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winqvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. FY 2026 SALARY ADJUSTMENT – (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the FY 2026 Salary Adjustments included in fiscal year budget.

a. Salary Adjustments (included in FY 2026 Budget) –

(i) Authorize a 2.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all permanent (salaried) staff positions, effective July 6, 2025.

(ii) Authorize a 1% merit pool for discretionary compensation increases in FY 2026.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Winqvist to approve the 2.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all permanent (salaried) staff positions, effective July 6, 2025.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winqvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Salary Schedule - Adjust agency salary ranges to include the impact of across-the-board 2.7% COLA.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Belt approved a 1% merit pool for discretionary compensation increases in FY 2026.

AYES : Belt, Ewing, Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winqvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION –

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS –

1. ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) FORMS

Annual COI forms were distributed to each member to be completed and returned to MAPA.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Board Vice Chair Walsh adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.