

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

August 28, 2025

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Vice Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick Bloomingdale	Chief Administrative Officer, Douglas County <i>[non-voting]</i>
Jonah Clark	Assistant City Attorney, City of Omaha Law <i>[non-voting]</i>
Roger Garcia	Douglas County Commissioner
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
David Klug	Sarpy County Commissioner
Don Rowe	Councilman, Omaha City Council
Matt Walsh – Vice Chair	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Angie Winquist	IA Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of Glenwood

Members/Officers Absent

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor
John Ewing Jr.	Mayor, City of Omaha
Douglas Kindig – Chair	Small Communities Representative - Mayor, City of La Vista NE

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Elise Emanuel
Matt Eash	Laura Heilman	Alex Johnson	Carlos Morales
Adia West	Elizabeth Zeller		

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the August 28, 2025 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Winquist, SECOND by Klug to approve the agenda of the August 28, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the July 24, 2025 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Klug to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: 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 - Michael Helgerson

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Board on agency projects, activities and events including: Recap of MAPA Leadership Team Retreat; State and Federal funding Updates; Congressman Bacon's Infrastructure Forum; Senator Grassley Mills County Forum; MAPA in the News; upcoming events including Collaborative Futures - Regional Economic Development Summit and the MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting.

b. Department Update – Laura Heilman, Communications & Outreach Manager

Ms. Heilman provided a department update to the Board including updates on major projects and initiatives that the department is working on including: The Regional Economic Development Summit;

Council of Officials 2025 Annual Meeting; 2025 Annual Report; 2026 MAPA Calendar; Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Document Layout and Learning Site Visit Planning.

c. Internship Report – Adia West, GIS Intern

Adia West presented to the Board an update on projects that she worked on while an intern at MAPA including: Program Opportunities, Community Resources Projects on Trails and Sidewalks, NROC Projects.

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 August 20, 2025 meeting

2. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS – (ACTION)

- a. Metro Transit - FY25 Planning Pass-Through - PMT #4 - \$30,425.46
- b. WSP USA Inc - SS4A & Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - PMT #15 - \$14,016.50

3. PROCLAMATION: World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDoR)

4. TRAVEL –

- a. Heartland 2050 Learning Site Visit Scouting Trip - 2 Staff - Detroit, MI - \$2,494.48

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

1. RESOLUTION 2026-02: FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) AMENDMENT #1 (ACTION)

Mr. Morales presented to the Board for approval Resolution 2026–02: UPWP Amendment #1 which included an update to the estimated staff activities and contracts that will be carried forward into the new fiscal year.

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve Resolution 2026–02: FY 2026 UPWP Amendment #1.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Public Comment Period – (ACTION)

The Board considered approval of the Public Comment Period from August 28 through September 24, 2025 for the Draft 2050 MTP.

MOTION by Winquist, SECOND by Klug to approve the Public Comment Period for the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS –

1. NEW CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS– (ACTION)

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

- a. Florence Home – FY 26-27 5310 Subaward –\$198,201.52

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve the New FY 2026-2027 Florence Home 5310 Subaward Agreement.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winkvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. PURCHASES– (ACTION)

The Board considered for approval the purchases listed below.

- a. Blackbaud Financial Edge NXT Accounting Software - 9/28/2025 – 9/27/2026 – \$12,671.38
- b. Council of Officials Annual Meeting – \$10,178
 - i. Northern Lights Venue – \$1,694.00
 - ii. Catering: Attitude on Food – \$6,984.00
 - iii. A/V: Midwest Sound & Lighting – \$1,500

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Hike to approve the purchases presented above.

AYES : Garcia, Hike, Klug, Rowe, Walsh, Winkvist

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION – None.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS –

- 1. 2025 Annual Awards – (Information)

K. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Walsh adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.