

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

September 25, 2025

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chair Kindig called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisor
Patrick Bloomingdale – Secretary/Treasurer	Chief Admin Officer, Douglas County (rep. Commissioner Mike Friend)
Tim Dolan	Assistant City Attorney, City of Omaha Law [non-voting]
Douglas Kindig	Mayor, City of LaVista
David Klug	Commissioner of Sarpy County
Kathy Welch	Councilmember, City of Bellevue (rep. Mayor Rusty Hike)

Members/Officers Absent

John Ewing	Mayor, City of Omaha
Don Rowe	Councilmember, City of Omaha
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Angie Winquist	Mayor, City of Glennwood

MAPA Staff

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth
Elise Emanuel	Rachel Goetsch	Laura Heliman	Michael Helgerson
Carlos Morales	Elizabeth Zeller		

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA of the September 25, 2025 meeting agenda – (Action)

MOTION by Klug, SECOND by Belt to approve the agenda of the September 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Belt, Bloomingdale, Kindig, Klug, Welch

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES of the August 28, 2025 meeting – (Action)

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

AYES: Belt, Bloomingdale, Kindig, Klug, Welch

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: "Baby Bob" ribbon cutting; MAPA recognized as Partner of the Year at the Latino Economic Development Council (LEDC) Adelante Gala; MAPA hosted NADO Emerging Leaders Cohort; Director and MAPA staff attended 2025 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) conference in Providence, RI; MAPA was in the news; announcement of the Heartland 2025 Learning Site Visit to Detroit, MI in the Spring of 2026; reminder to register for the MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting on October 8, 2025.

b. Collaborative Futures Regional Economic Development Summit - Laura Heilman, Communications & Outreach Manager.

Ms. Heilman provided an update to the Board from the Collaborative Futures: A Regional Economic Development Summit hosted by MAPA in partnership with the Greater Omaha Chamber, Heartland 2025 & 6 Regions One Nebraska.

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 September 17, 2025 meeting

2. TRAVEL

- a. National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Show - 1 Staff - New York, NY - October 21 - 23, 2025 – \$2,259.44
- b. Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting - 2 Staff - Washington, D.C. - January 11 - 15, 2025 – \$6,026.02

3. FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS – (ACTION)

- a. WSP, USA Inc. - SS4A Public Outreach and CSAP – \$19,476.051

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

AYES: Belt, Bloomingdale, Kindig, Klug, Welch

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. OLD BUSINESS –NONE

H. NEW BUSINESS –

a. RESOLUTION 2026 - 03: FINAL 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) – (ACTION)

The Board considered approval of the Resolution 2026 – 03: Final 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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

AYES : Belt, Bloomingdale, Kindig, Klug, Welch

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. DISCUSSION – (INFORMATIONAL)

1. NARC National Conference of Regions - Washington D.C. February 1-4, 2026 –

Mr. Helgerson announced the dates for the 2026 NARC National Conference of Regions held annually in Washington D.C. in February. Mr. Helgerson also noted that there is an opening on the NARC Board of Directors for Region XI.

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – None.

K. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kindig adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.