



Committee of the Whole

November 18, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Ms. Pacetti (Acting Chair), Ms. Elder, Mayor Gallo, Mr. Love, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Sleasman, Mayor Weiss

Not Present: Mayor Koomar, Ms. McPherson, Mayor Weiss, Ms. Smith Whigham

Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Felicia Brooks-Williams, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Brent Charnigo, Jonathan Ciesla, Nick Davidson, Nadine DeJesus, Wendy Feinn, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Catherine Galla, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Fiona Gibbons, Chief Deirdre Jones, Lawrence Jupina, Carl Kirkland, Jeff Macko, Ida Marshall, Sheila Miller, Joshua Miranda, Charles Morgan, Ruben Morgan, Mike Schipper, Michael So, John Sulik, Kay Sutula, Wendy Talley, John Togher, Eric Vukmanic

Public: Ehren Bingaman, Tracie Collins, Travis Ducuruen, Kesley Finucan, Alex Johnson, Mustafa Shaikhan, Carren Woods

I. Roll Call

Ms. Pacetti called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2025

Mr. Sleasman moved, and Mayor Gallo seconded to approve the minutes as amended; the motion carried.

III. Internal Audit Report

Anthony Garofoli, Executive Director of Internal Audit, stated that on November 12, he and his staff presented the report in detail to the Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee. He presented a summary of the report to the Committee of the Whole.

The 2025 internal Audit plan was approved during the February 22, 2025, Board Meeting. The plan was aligned with the GCRTA Strategic Plan performance metrics -- including customer experience, community impact, financial health and employee investment. The plan was updated after a mid-year risk assessment. The revised plan was approved after a detailed discussion last Wednesday.

Items in the report included the results of eight (8) audit plan projects that were completed during the third quarter. The audits were discussed in detail during the recent Audit Committee meeting.

Results of the continuous auditing program included developing audit scripts to interrogate system data in real time and completing 100% audits of the transactions. Staff shared the results with

appropriate stakeholders and followed up with all open audit issues. There were no issues for Board consideration. The report included the results of audit activities related to the entire program with a focus on change orders and contractor pay.

Mr. Garofoli stated that there are multiple railcars in production in different stages. Total payments to the contractor as of October 29 amount to \$115,901,941.44, representing 34% of the total contract, with no payments made during the third quarter.

Internal Audit is engaged in various audits as staff continues to assess risk and compliance. Staff will report on the results of these and other audits with the Audit Committee.

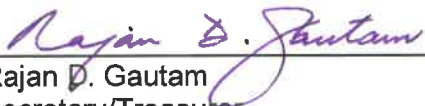
The Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report of the external auditors was shared with the Board and executive management in June and was released by the Auditor of State on July 9, 2025.

Staff will follow up on all Audit recommendations to validate that corrective actions were implemented.

Mr. Garofoli advised that Internal Audit has engaged a healthcare audit consultant to focus on cost containment activities to support the Human Resources division and will provide them with results that will hopefully lead to improved plan design.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, Ms. Pacetti moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Sleasman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.


Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer


Brent Charnigo
Board Administrator