



Committee of the Whole

February 17, 2026

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Committee Members:** Ms. Pacetti (Chair), Mayor Gallo, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Sleasman

**Also Present:** Ms. Elder, Mr. Love, Mr. Sleasman, Mayor Weiss, Ms. Whigham

**Staff/Other:** Tom Allen, Shawn Becker, India Birdsong Terry, Nick Biggar, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Brent Charnigo, Sharon Cottrell, Nick Davidson, Dan Dietrich, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Catherine Galla, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Fiona Gibbons, Sharon Jenkins, Lawrence Jupina, Carl Kirkland, Ida Marshall, Sheila Miller, Charles Morgan, Jim Rusnov, Kay Sutula, Wendy Talley, Brian Temming, John Togher, Kimberly Wright, Carolyn Young

**Public:** Mark Aesch, Brian Gibbons, Kevin Hinkle, Bianca Robinson, Tanya Stowers, David Tettey, Carren Woods

I. Roll Call

Mayor Koomar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2026

Mr. Sleasman moved, and Ms. McPherson seconded to approve the minutes; the motion carried.

III. Internal Audit Report – Presentation of 4th Quarter 2025 Internal Audit Report.

Anthony Garofoli, Executive Director of Internal Audit, presented a summary of the fourth quarter 2025 internal audit activities. He noted that a more detailed presentation had been provided to the Audit Committee on February 10.

The 2025 Internal Audit plan was approved in February and revised mid-year and aligned with the GCRTA strategic plan and focused on customer experience, included completed reviews of employee travel expenses, safety plans, mechanical failures, and cybersecurity follow-ups. While recommendations were made and will be tracked in the audit management system, there were no issues requiring board consideration at this time.

The report also covered continuous auditing of real-time data, including fare collection, purchasing cards, and payroll, with no significant issues found.

Regarding the Railcar Replacement Program, Mr. Garofoli reported that total payments to Siemens Mobility reached \$125.3 million as of January 30, 2026, representing approximately 36% of the \$344.4 million contract. No change orders were recorded for the contract during the fourth quarter. The Board is scheduled to receive an update on the project in March or April.

Mr. Garofoli stated that Internal Audit is engaged in ongoing projects, including the Brook Park rail shop modifications and yard track improvements, with further results expected at the May Audit Committee meeting.

External audit activities are also underway, with the State auditor on-site for the fiscal year 2025 financial and single audit. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is scheduled to conduct a triennial review later this year to evaluate the use of federal funds and grant compliance.

The healthcare consultant is proceeding with that audit. Mr. Garofoli will provide an update to the Audit Committee during its May meeting.

Mayor Weiss stated that the quarterly Audit Committee meetings are very detailed.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, Mr. Sleasman moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Pacetti. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

  
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Rajan D. Gautam  
Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Brent Charnigo  
Board Administrator