Laketran
August 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting
August 24, 2026
4:00 pm-6:00 pm Eastern Time

1. **Meeting Notice**
2. **Meeting Called to Order**

President Brian J. Falkowski called the Laketran Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

3. **Roll Call**

Brian J. Falkowski

Renee Ochaya

Michael Pizmoht

Kim Stenger

Charles J. Zibbel

Daniel Curtis Crowder

Dione DeMitro

Dr. Joe Glavan

Donna McNamee

Benjamin S. Capelle

Brandon Dynes

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Mission Statement**
6. **Public Comments**

None

7. **Presentation by the Auditor of State**

Tina Ludwig, a representative from the Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber office, presented Laketran with an Award of Distinction for achieving a clean audit. Congratulations Finance Department.

8. **Approval of Minutes**

a. Motion to approve the Laketran Board of Trustees Board Meeting minutes of June 22, 2026 was made by Ms. McNamee and seconded by Dr. Glavan

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan, and McNamee

"NAYS": None

9. **Executive Session**

a. Motion to enter into executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

The Board discussed collective bargaining and union negotiations. Mr. Capelle provided an update and answered questions from the Board. Motion to come out of executive session was made by Dr. Glavan

and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht at 4:24 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

b. Motion to enter into executive session per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or official was made by Ms. Stenger and seconded by Ms. McNamee at 4:25 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

While in executive session the Board discussed OPERS contributions. Motion to conclude executive session was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Ms. Ochaya at 5:03 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

10. **Presentation**

a. Cashless Fare Collection Implementation Plan

Julia Schick, Director of Communications, presentation a four-phase Implementation Plan for off boarding cash for fare collection that will begin this month and conclude with the removal of fareboxes in November 2027. Phases include: Planning and Communication, Community Education, Incentivize Early Adoption/Ticket Exchange, and Removal of Fareboxes.

11. **Agenda Items**

a. Vote to fully transition fare collection on Local Route and Park-n-Ride buses to the EZfare platform motion to vote was made by Ms. Stenger and seconded by Ms. DeMitro.

'AYES'; Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

b. Motion to approve the June 2026 Laketran, STS and Geauga Transit Operating Financial Statements, and Laketran and Geauga Transit Capital Plans, all subject to audit was made by Mr. Pizmoht and seconded by Mr. Crowder.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

c. Motion to approve resolution 2026-021 authorizing the CEO or his designee to enter into a contract with R. L. Bowen for architecture, engineering, and design services for a rehabilitation of the Mentor Park-n-Ride at a cost not to exceed two hundred thirty-eight thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 ($238,300.00) was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Zibbel.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

d. Motion to approve resolution 2026-022 authorizing the CEO or his designee to enter into a contract with R. L. Bowen for architecture, engineering, and design services for a transit center in Downtown Painesville at a cost not to exceed one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars and 00/100 ($1,413,835.00) was made by Mr. Zibbel and seconded by Ms. McNamee.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

e. Motion to approve resolution 2026-023 authorizing the CEO or his designee to execute an agreement with Masabi, Inc. to purchase open payment software at a cost not to exceed fifty-four thousand and 00/100 dollars ($54,000.00) was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Dr. Glavan.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochays, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

f. Motion to approve resolution 2026-024 approving revisions to Laketran's Federal Procurement Guidelines and Grants Management manual was made by Mr. Zibbel and seconded by Dr. Glavan.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

g. Motion to approve resolution 2026-025 authorizing the CEO or his designee to purchase ten replacement buses and two expansion buses from TESCO at a cost not to exceed two million five hundred seventy thousand nine hundred sixty-three dollars and 00/100 ($2,570,963.00) for Laketran and two replacement buses from TESCO at a cost not to exceed four hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars and 00/100 ($428,000.00) for Geauga Transit was made by Dr. Glavan and seconded by Ms. Stenger

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

:NAYS": None

12. **Six Month Look Ahead**

13. **CEO Report**

a. **Operations Report**

14. **Old Business**

15. **New Business**

Ms. DeMitro congratulated Mr. Borelli for winning the 40 Under 40 award from Mass Transit. Congratulations Nick!

16. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Laketran Board of Trustees meeting was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Ms. Ochaya at 6:24 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Ochaya, Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro, Dr. Glavan and McNamee

"NAYS": None

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Benjamin S. Capelle, Secretary/Treasurer

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Brian J. Falkowski, President

Laketran Board of Trustees