Laketran
September 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting
September 28, 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

Michael Pizmoht

Kim Stenger

Charles J. Zibbel

Daniel Curtis Crowder

Dione DeMitro

Dr. Joe Glavan

Donna McNamee - absent

Renee Ochaya - absent

Benjamin S. Capelle

Brandon Dynes

4.
Pledge of Allegiance

5.
Mission Statement

6.
Public Comments

None

7.
Approval of Minutes

a.
Motion to approve the Laketran Board of Trustees Board Meeting minutes of August 24, 2026 was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht

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

"NAYS": None

8.
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 Ms. Stenger and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht at 4:03 p.m.

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

"NAYS:' None

The Board discussed union negotiations and status of the union agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Dr. Glavan to exit executive session at 4:11 p.m.

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

"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 Mr. Zibbel and seconded by Ms. Stenger at 4:12 p.m.

The Board discussed compensation of a public employee and benefits for that employee.

Motion to exit executive session was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Ms. DeMitro at 4:29 p.m.

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

"NAYS:" None

c.
Motion to enter into executive session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) To consider the discipline of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, or regulated individual was made by Mr. Pizmoht and seconded by Ms. Stenger at 4:30 p.m.

The Board discussed discipline of a public official.

Motion was made by Ms. DeMitro and seconded by Mr. Crowder to exit executive session at 5:16 p.m.

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

"NAYS:" None

9.
Agenda Items

a.
Motion to approve resolution 2026-029 ratifying the collective bargaining agreement between Laketran and the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Local 1834 beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2030, approving wage structure and pay increases for all employees in 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht

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

"NAYS:" None

b.
Motion to approve the July 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 Ms. DeMitro

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro and Dr. Glavan
"NAYS:" None

c.
Motion to approve resolution 2026-026 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of Laketran, or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Zupka & Associates, Inc. for audit services for the fiscal years 2026 through 2030 was made by Ms. Stenger and seconded by Mr. Crowder

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro and Dr. Glavan
"NAYS:" None

d.
Motion to approve resolution 2026-027 authorizing CEO or his designee to purchase replacement computer hardware from CDW-Government, LLC at a cost not to exceed thirty thousand two hundred seventy-six dollars and 00/100 ($30,276.00) was made by Ms. DeMitro and seconded by Dr. Glavan

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, DeMitro and Dr. Glavan
"NAYS:" None

e.

Motion to approve resolution 2026-028 to modify Laketran's organizational structure by adding three (3) mechanic apprentice positions was made by Mr. Crowder and seconded by Mr. Pizmoht

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, and DeMitro
"NAYS:" None
"ABSTAIN": Messrs. Dr. Glavan

10.
Six Month Look Ahead

11.
CEO Report

a.
Operations Report

12.
Old Business

None

13.
New Business

Ms. DeMitro thanked Mr. Capelle and Ms. Schick for all their help making the Jail & Bail fundraiser a success.

14.
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Laketran Board of Trustee Meeting was made by Mr. Pizmoth and seconded by Ms. Stenger at 5:52 p.m.

"AYES": Messrs. and Mmes. Pizmoht, Stenger, Zibbel, Crowder, and DeMitro
"NAYS:" None

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Benjamin S. Capelle, Secretary/Treasurer

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Brian J. Falkowski, President
Laketran Board of Trustees