



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 17, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

14150 US Hwy 31 Beulah, MI 49617

**Minutes approved as presented April 21, 2026**

1. Call To Order by Chair Feeheley at 5:30PM
2. Roll Call To Determine Quorum: Present: Jeannette Feeheley, Brian Fleetwood, Anne Noah, Jack O'Malley, Kayla Russell, Michael Smith and Gary Sauer. Excused: Brian Halliday, attending remotely. Staff Present: Jessica Carland, Chad Hollenbeck, Nancy Hunt and Wendy Wedemeier.
3. Welcome And Recognition Of Visitors: Dorene Strang, Toby Dunne, Jessica Gardner, Vicki Swartz, and Bethany Verble (remote).
4. Correspondence: A Noah - Thoughts on legal review of policies. M. Koerner - Memo titled "Whistleblower Complaint".
5. Approval of January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Motion** by Smith with Support by Noah to include the name of the person the communication is from and the nature of the correspondence in the minutes and to do so going forward. 5 ayes, 1 nay, **motion carried.**  
**Motion** by Noah with support by O'Malley to add under 12. "Halliday remained connected virtually with his camera off". All ayes, **motion carried.**  
**Motion** by Noah with support by Smith to add "clarified that BTA had received two separate complaints (A code of Conduct policy complaint and Whistleblower policy complaint) against two board members for which the board is seeking his separate reviews and advisement". Ayes: Noah and Smith, Nays: Fleetwood, Feeheley, O'Malley and Russell, **motion failed.**  
**Motion** by Russell with support from Smith to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes as amended. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstains:1, **motion carried.**
6. Amendments/additions to Agenda: **Motion** by Noah with support by Fleetwood to separate the review of each item listed under item 12. Ayes: Fleetwood, Noah and Smith, Nays: O'Malley, Russell and Feeheley, **motion failed.**  
**Motion** by Noah with support by O'Malley to move County Liaison report to be placed under Reports to the Board and to carry this practice forward to future meetings, All ayes, **motion carried.**
7. Public Comment: None
8. Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Russell with support from Smith to approve agenda as amended. Ayes: 5, Nay: 1 **motion carried.**
9. Call for Conflict of Interest: Feeheley recused herself from 12c
10. Maner Costerisan Presentation - Bethany Verble presented a Draft Internal Control & Efficiency Assessment.
11. Reports to the Board

- a. Financial Report
  - b. Chairperson's Report
  - c. Executive Director and Management Team Reports
    - i. Executive Director
    - ii. Operations
    - iii. Human Resources
  - d. County Liaison Updates - Sauer reported on County business.
12. Unfinished Business
- a. Parking Structure Construction Project: No update
  - b. Legal Review of FOIA Policy: Attorney will have this available for March meeting
  - c. Legal Review of Attorney Use Policy, Whistleblower Complaint and Policy Violations. **The meeting was turned over to O'Malley.**  
**Motion** by O'Malley with support by Fleetwood that the board accept the advice from Mark Koerner, our legal counsel, on the matter of continued investigations and consider this matter closed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fleetwood, O'Malley and Russell, Nays: 0, Abstain: Smith. Recused: Feeheley and Noah. **Motion carried.**  
**Motion** by O'Malley with support by Russell that Board Member Fleetwood and Director Carland research options for those who provide Board Training, then bring those options back to the board for discussion and planning. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fleetwood, Noah, O'Malley, Russell, Smith and Feeheley. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**  
**Feeheley resumed chairing the meeting.**  
**Motion** by O'Malley with support by Russell to remove attorney-client privilege for the attorney-drafted memo dated February 10, 2026, and the matter referred to and to add it under correspondence. All ayes, **motion carried.**
13. New Business
14. Public Comment: Strang, Noah, Swartz
15. Next Meeting: March 17, 2026
16. Adjournment @ 7:37PM

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Nancy Hunt, Recording Secretary

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Date