

P. Beard called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm on Thursday, June 25, 2026, within the St. John the Baptist Parish first floor conference room, 1811 W. Airline Highway, Laplace, LA 70068. Members present included S. Lewis, P. Beard, N. Nassar, G. Monti, and W. Joseph, Jr. thus achieving a quorum. Members absent included M. Jenkins. Also in attendance were S. Van Sickle (Transdev) and A. Thomas (Solutient). Councilman Torres was in attendance.

P. Beard asked all board members to review the May 29, 2026, meeting minutes. It was moved to accept by W. Joseph, Jr. and seconded by S. Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the public – I. Mathieu asked if the RPTA was still on target to cut service on August 1st and if there had been any support from St. John the Baptist Parish. Ms. Mathieu recommended that the Parish give up fireworks and the Andouille Festival to put the funds saved toward transit. WJ, Jr. stated that he had talked with his Representative and that she sounded optimistic that the Parish President would give additional funding. The expectation is that if St. John doesn't pay, St. Charles will not contribute additional funds in the future. Discussion ensued regarding increasing fares.

S. Van Sickle presented the Operations Report for May 2026. The number of passenger trips in May was 1,576. May's daily average was 63.04 riders. The average scheduled trips per hour were 1.69 in May. There were 17,207 passenger miles traveled. Average miles per trip equaled 10.92. The ADA denial rate was 0% in both months.

A. Thompson presented the Secretary/Treasurer's May 2026. Thompson stated that profit and loss for May 2026 shows a net loss of (\$18,057.51). The cash flow statement for YTD and from inception through May 2026 shows cash at the end of the period in the amount of \$44,114.40. After the new transactions are considered and including payables prepared after May 31, 2026, the cash balance is \$44,114.40. The \$250,000 threshold was not met – no pledge report required.

P. Beard requested a motion for approval of the May 2026 Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Approval was moved by N. Nassar and seconded by G. Monti. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson listed the following checks for accounts payable: Solutient, Invoice No. 13072 (May 2026 Services), Check No. 2657, \$6,250; Transdev, Invoice No. 0501-2026 (May 2026 Services), Check No. 2658, \$75,376; St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office, Invoice No. 1520 (Security – Public Hearings), Check No. 2659, \$150; LaPlace Media, LLC, Acct. #AP190366 (Public Hearing Notice), Check No. 2660, \$36.45; and St. Charles Herald Guide/Legals, Invoice No. 119058 (Public Hearing Notice), Check No. 2661, \$50.15. A. Thompson stated that the Transdev invoice did not include charges for Saturdays.

P. Beard requested a motion for approval of the June 2026 Accounts Payable. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by N. Nassar. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monti stated his displeasure that the RPTA is being charged a \$22 monthly fee by the bank.

G. Monte made a motion from the floor to A. Thompson to explore banking institutions operating within the River Parishes that would not charge fees. The motion was seconded by S. Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson directed the board to the board insurance. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of board insurance. Board members requested that S. Van Sickle provide information on Transdev's insurance covering RPTA. They also requested that she reach out to the board's attorney to see what information he could provide. G. Monti asked that he be copied on the email. A. Thompson is to contact the insurance company for additional information.

There was a motion from the floor by G. Monti to table the board's insurance issue until the next meeting. Approval was seconded by N. Nassar.

S. Van Sickle discussed the Section 5311 supplemental contract information. The State added additional language regarding equipment (not relevant to the RPTA).

P. Beard requested a motion for approval of the Section 5311 supplemental agreement. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by W. Joseph, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Thompson requested approval of the FY2025 audit extension.

P. Beard requested a motion for approval of the FY2025 audit extension. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by N. Nassar. Motion carried unanimously.

At approximately 3:45pm, Representative Sylvia Taylor joined the meeting.

P. Beard requested a motion to deviate from the agenda. Approval was moved by G. Monti and seconded by N. Nassar. Motion carried unanimously.

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Councilman Torres asked how far the current funding would support operations. A. Thompson stated that she would send projections to both parishes. The board discussed reaching out to other agencies to see if they would be interested in partnering with the RPTA. Representative Taylor stated that she has been receiving many calls from constituents who are upset about the impending cuts to service. The board decided that the next step is to reach out to other agencies to explore potential partnerships. W. Joseph, Jr. stated that he would reach out to the COA in St. John the Baptist to find out where they get their funding and invite them to future meetings. The board also decided to create a new committee/taskforce utilizing existing finance committee members, P. Beard and G. Monti, and adding W. Joseph, Jr., who will explore new partnerships.

P. Beard requested a motion to create a taskforce from the existing finance committee. Approval was moved by S. Lewis and seconded by N. Nassar. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Beard requested a motion to adjourn. Approval was moved by W. Joseph, Jr. and seconded by S. Lewis.

Having no more business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.



P. Beard



Date