



MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

FULL BOARD MINUTES (DRAFT)

May 26, 2026

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- A. Call to Order:** Vice-Chair, Hon. Shaunna O’Connell (Taunton), called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM via Zoom.
- B. FY27-31 CIP Oversight Report presentation and consideration:** Hon. Patrick O’Keefe (Revere) introduced the committee’s report and Brian Kane (Executive Director) presented an overview of the report’s findings. Discussion and action to accept the FY27-31 MBTA Capital Investment Program Oversight Report from the Capital Budget Oversight Committee. This report fulfils the charge of the full MBTA Advisory Board at its April 28, 2026 meeting.
- a** Matt Moran (Boston) thanked the committee for their work.
 - b** Joe Fisher (Hingham) asked if the budget allocated a satisfactory amount for projects on the ferry service. B. Kane answered that he believed it did. The Ferry service will receive \$30 million in new funding and is in the process of adding new routes. He added that ferry service has benefited significantly under the leadership of Director of Ferry Services David Perry.

- c** Duncan Allen (Needham) asked for clarification about the Old Colony track issue raised in the presentation. B. Kane confirmed that the report refers to the single-track between Braintree and Columbia which bottlenecks, particularly with the introduction of South Coast Rail.
 - d** Sheila Page (Wellesley) asked for updates on the triple-track on the Worcester Line. B. Kane answered that this project is critical and mentioned in the report and he has invited the MBTA to come and discuss it further with the Passenger/Regional Rail Committee. S. Page thanked the committee and staff for their work.
- C. FY27-31 CIP Oversight Report transmittal:** Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to transmit, in the name of, and on behalf of the MBTA Advisory Board, the FY27-31 MBTA Capital Investment Program Oversight Report to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Board of Directors in accordance with MGL c. 161A, § 20.
- a** Vice-Chair S. O’Connell requested a motion to authorize the report’s transmittal which P. O’Keefe made and Dan Salvucci (Whitman) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. FY27 MBTA Operating Budget Presentation:** MBTA Budget Director Joe Regan will present the proposed FY27 MBTA Operating Budget. MGL c. 161A, § 20,

requires the MBTA to submit its draft operating budget to the MBTA Advisory Board annually for its comment.

- a** B. Kane clarified the process of the Advisory Board's Operating Budget oversight.
- b** Gus Murby (Medfield) asked what percentage of the Fair Share revenue would be headed to the MBTA and if the shift in allocation reflected any shift in policy priorities from the legislature. J. Regan answered that part of the \$73 million drop is due to how the state is structuring their bills. For example, the allocation to the deficiency fund is much higher than it was in FY26 and the amount above the line in section 2 is lower. The percentage allocations between transportation and education shift annually based on needs.
- c** D. Allen asked requested data on Vehicle Revenue Hours and Vehicle Revenue Miles by mode. J. Regan said they could.
- d** Steve Olanoff (Westwood) clarified the Fare Revenue Recovery ratio numbers and how they compare to pre-pandemic numbers. J. Regan confirmed that the recovery ratio used to be in the mid-20s. This is the result of work-from home impacts on commuter revenue as well as increased spending from the FTA report.
- e** Rob Scherer (Ashland) asked if the MBTA has an estimate for spending on the Worcester Line 2030 plans. J. Regan answered that \$10 - \$13 million are in

the budget to spend on the service increase but the actual budget will depend on the rollout schedule.

- E. FY27 MBTA Operating Budget Referral:** Discussion and action to refer the FY27 Draft Operating Budget to the Operating Budget Oversight Committee with a charge to review it and draft a report with recommendations for the full MBTA Advisory Board's consideration at its next meeting.
 - a** Vice-Chair S. O'Connell requested a motion to refer the budget to the oversight committee which D. Salvucci made and Todd Kirrane (Worcester) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Minutes of the April 28, 2026 meeting:** The draft meeting minutes having previously been distributed, D. Martin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Steven Olanoff (Westwood) seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.
 - a** Vice-Chair S. O'Connell requested a motion to approve the minutes which S. Olanoff made and John DePriest (Chelsea) seconded.

- G. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 10AM via Zoom.

- H. Adjourn:** With all business discussed, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting.

Attendees

Abington		Lowell		Tyngsborough	
Acton	David Martin	Lunenburg		Upton	
Amesbury		Lynn		Wakefield	
Andover	Alex Vispoli	Lynnfield		Walpole	
Arlington	Lenard Diggins	Malden		Waltham	
Ashburnham		Manchester		Wareham	
Ashby		Mansfield		Watertown	
Ashland	Rob Scherer	Marblehead		Wayland	
Attleboro		Marlborough		Wellesley	Sheila Page
Auburn		Marshfield		Wenham	
Ayer		Maynard		West Boylston	
Bedford		Medfield	Gus Murby	West Bridgewater	
Bellingham		Medford	Todd Blake	West Newbury	
Belmont		Medway		Westborough	
Berkley		Melrose	Hon. Jen Grigoraitis	Westford	
Beverly		Merrimac		Westminster	
Billerica		Methuen		Weston	
Boston	Matt Moran	Middleborough		Westwood	Steve Olanoff
Bourne		Middleton	Kyle Smith	Weymouth	
Boxborough		Millbury		Whitman	Daniel Salvucci
Boxford		Millis		Wilmington	
Braintree	Peter Matchek	Milton		Winchester	
Bridgewater		Nahant		Winthrop	
Brockton		Natick	Morgan Griffiths	Woburn	
Brookline		Needham	Duncan Allen	Worcester	Todd Kirrane
Burlington		New Bedford		Wrentham	
Cambridge		Newbury			

Canton		Newburyport	Hon. Sean Reardon	MBTA	Joe Regan
Carlisle		Newton		MBTA	Mux Nugiel
Carver		Norfolk			
Chelmsford		North Andover			
Chelsea	John DePriest	N. Attleborough			
Cohasset		North Reading	Lillian Hartman		
Concord		Northborough			
Danvers		Northbridge			
Dedham		Norton		MBTA Advisory Board	Brian Kane
Dover		Norwell		MBTA Advisory Board	Hanna Switekowski
Dracut		Norwood	Joe Collins	MBTA Advisory Board	Isabella MacKinnon
Duxbury	Brian Glennon	Paxton			
E. Bridgewater		Peabody			
Easton		Pembroke			
Essex		Plymouth			
Everett		Plympton			
Fall River		Princeton			
Fitchburg		Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi		
Foxborough		Randolph			
Framingham		Raynham			
Franklin		Reading			
Freetown		Rehoboth			
Georgetown		Revere	Hon. Patrick Keefe		
Gloucester		Rochester			
Grafton		Rockland			

Groton		Rockport			
Groveland		Rowley			
Halifax		Salem			
Hamilton		Salisbury			
Hanover		Saugus			
Hanson		Scituate			
Harvard	Bruce Leicher	Seekonk			
Haverhill	Christine Lindberg	Sharon			
Hingham	Joseph Fisher	Sherborn			
Holbrook		Shirley			
Holden		Shrewsbury			
Holliston		Somerville			
Hopkinton		Southborough			
Hull		Sterling			
Ipswich		Stoneham			
Kingston		Stoughton			
Lakeville		Stow			
Lancaster		Sudbury			
Lawrence		Sutton			
Leicester		Swampscott			
Leominster		Taunton	Hon. Shaunna O-Connell		
Lexington		Tewksbury			
Lincoln		Topsfield			
Littleton		Townsend			