



**February 18, 2026 at 1PM
Open Session Minutes**

**Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)
Advisory Board Meeting
Taunton City Hall
Silver City Conference Room, 2nd Floor
15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780
and
Zoom**

1. Open Session Convenes

Chair Mayor Shaunna O'Connell, Taunton called the meeting to order at 1:02PM. A roll call vote was taken.

The following board members were present:

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall (remote)
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly (remote)
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya (remote)
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith (remote)
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray (remote)
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich (remote)
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke
Marshfield (3.10), Greg Guimond (remote)
Medway (1.98), Cathy Cebrowski (remote)-
arrived at 1:07PM
Middleboro (2.83), Mark Germain (remote)

Norfolk (2.27), Karen Edwards (remote)
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson
Plymouth (5.44), Lindsay Reik (remote)
Raynham (2.08), Erin Medeiros (remote)
Rehoboth (1.21), Elizabeth Doyle (remote)
Scituate (2.35), Linda Hayes (remote) -
arrived at 1:11PM
Taunton (5.60), Mayor Shaunna O'Connell
Wareham (3.26), Alan Slavin (remote)
Wrentham (1.94), Janet Angelico (remote)

The following board members were absent:

Attleboro (5.51), Mayor Cathleen DeSimone
Bellingham (2.63), Josie Dutil
Dighton (1.16), Anabela Powell
Duxbury (2.28), Joanne Moore
Foxborough (2.39), Catherine Feerick
Lakeville (1.60), Lori Fahey

North Attleboro (3.31), Tony Morabito
Norton (2.14), Alec Rich
Pembroke (2.57), Diane Picot
Plympton (1.19), Colleen Thompson
Seekonk (2.14), Brittney Faria
ADA Advocate (1.00), Michael Raymond

Also present:

Mary Ellen DeFrias, Dan Burgess, Kylie Araujo

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2. January 21, 2026 Open Session Minutes

Mayor O'Connell, Taunton reminded the group that even if they were not at the meeting, they can still vote on the minutes if they have reviewed them.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve January 21, 2026 Open Session Minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall- aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly- aye
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya- aye
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith- aye
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray- aye
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich- aye
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke- aye
Marshfield (3.10), Greg Guimond- aye
Middleboro (2.83), Mark Germain- aye

Norfolk (2.27), Karen Edwards- aye
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson- aye
Plymouth (5.44), Lindsay Reik- aye
Raynham (2.08), Erin Medeiros- aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Elizabeth Doyle- aye
Taunton (5.60), Mayor Shaunna O'Connell- aye
Wareham (3.26), Alan Slavin- aye
Wrentham (1.94), Janet Angelico- aye

Motion to approve January 21, 2026 Open Session Minutes passed.

3. Administrator Report & Financial Report

Mary Ellen DeFrias reviewed the February 2026 Administrator Report. She outlined that since the Safety Plan (PTASP) had been approved at the last Board meeting (January 2026), GATRA was able to complete the necessary certifications and has begun submitting federal grants that have been on hold without the PTASP being approved.

GATRA is beginning to transition more service onto Spare to increase efficiency and capacity. Middleborough Council on Aging (COA) is going to be transitioning to Spare soon. Following this pilot, GATRA hopes to move other COAs onto Spare in the future. Passenger signs have been installed in both Attleboro and Taunton. These signs indicate to passengers when buses are coming and going. World Cup planning is continuing to move forward.

East Maintenance Facility construction in Wareham is moving forward. The building is weathertight and GATRA has obtained the gas permit from MassDOT. With heat in the building, the project can continue to move along.

There are no changes to the Civil Rights items in the report.

Dan Burgess reviewed the February 2026 Financial Report. He indicated that there are several areas on the budget which will need to be addressed via a budget amendment this spring. For areas like Special Services and Farebox Revenue, there is funding to offset the discrepancy in the budget. The Brokerage lines will also need to be adjusted as both expenses and revenues are

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outpacing what was anticipated in the budget. Brokerage expenses and revenues will always offset each other.

Mayor O’Connell, Taunton asked how the budget addressed fare free service. Mary Ellen DeFrias stated that the current budget did not address it because GATRA was not aware of its allocation from the State at the time the budget was created. This will be addressed in a future budget adjustment as well.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the above-stated reports. A roll call vote was taken.

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall- aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly- aye
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya- aye
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith- aye
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray- aye
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich- aye
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke- aye
Marshfield (3.10), Greg Guimond- aye
Medway (1.98), Cathy Cebrowski- aye
Middleboro (2.83), Mark Germain- aye

Norfolk (2.27), Karen Edwards- aye
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson- aye
Plymouth (5.44), Lindsay Reik- aye
Raynham (2.08), Erin Medeiros- aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Elizabeth Doyle- aye
Taunton (5.60), Mayor Shaunna O’Connell- aye
Wareham (3.26), Alan Slavin- aye
Wrentham (1.94), Janet Angelico- aye

Motion to approve the above-stated reports passed.

4. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Financial Audit

Mayor O’Connell, Taunton reviewed that the Audit & Finance Committee met on February 17, 2026 to review the FY25 Financial Audit documents: FY25 Financial Statements, FY25 Single Audit Report, and FY25 MBTA Report. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of GATRA leadership and the audit firm directly, as well as of the audit firm without GATRA leadership present. The Committee was satisfied with the FY25 Financial Audit and voted for the documents to be voted for approval by the full GATRA Advisory Board in today’s meeting. There were no further questions from the Board.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the FY25 Financial Audit documents as outlined above. A roll call vote was taken.

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall- aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly- aye
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya- aye
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith- aye
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray- aye
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich- aye
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke- aye
Marshfield (3.10), Greg Guimond- aye

Medway (1.98), Cathy Cebrowski- aye
Middleboro (2.83), Mark Germain- aye
Norfolk (2.27), Karen Edwards- aye
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson- aye
Plymouth (5.44), Lindsay Reik- aye
Raynham (2.08), Erin Medeiros- aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Elizabeth Doyle- aye
Scituate (2.35), Linda Hayes- aye

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Taunton (5.60), Mayor Shaunna O’Connell-
aye

Wareham (3.26), Alan Slavin- aye
Wrentham (1.94), Janet Angelico- aye

Motion to approve the FY25 Financial Audit passed.

5. Revised Weighted Vote

Mayor O’Connell, Taunton and Mary Ellen DeFrias reviewed the weighted vote is revised each year based on the most current local assessments outlined in the Audited Financial Statements. The presented Revised Weighted Vote includes a weighted vote based on FY25 local assessments. No questions or comments from the Board.

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the Revised Weighted Vote as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall- abstain
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly- aye
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya- aye
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith- aye
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray- aye
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich- aye
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke- aye
Marshfield (3.10), Greg Guimond- aye
Medway (1.98), Cathy Cebrowski- aye
Middleboro (2.83), Mark Germain- aye

Norfolk (2.27), Karen Edwards- aye
Plainville (1.30), Brenda Watkinson- aye
Plymouth (5.44), Lindsay Reik- aye
Raynham (2.08), Erin Medeiros- aye
Rehoboth (1.21), Elizabeth Doyle- aye
Scituate (2.35), Linda Hayes- aye
Taunton (5.60), Mayor Shaunna O’Connell-
aye
Wareham (3.26), Alan Slavin- aye
Wrentham (1.94), Janet Angelico- aye

Motion to approve the Revised Weighted Vote passed.

6. Adjournment

Mayor O’Connell, Taunton thanked the Board members for being present and for their commitment to GATRA by being an active member of the Advisory Board.

A motion was made and 2nd to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

Berkley (1.39), Mark Horsfall- aye
Carver (1.63), Connie Kelly- aye
Franklin (3.63), Morena Zelaya- aye
Halifax (1.23), Bill Smith- aye
Hanover (1.98), Tammy Murray- aye
Kingston (2.01), Patti Waitkevich- aye
Mansfield (2.85), Josh Reinke- aye
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Motion to adjourn passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:18PM.

Documents & Exhibits Discussed in this Meeting:

- 2.18.26 GATRA Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
- 1.21.26 GATRA Advisory Board Open Session Minutes
- February 2026 Administrator's Report
- February 2026 Financial Report
- FY25 Financial Audit Documents
 - FY25 Audited Financial Statements
 - FY25 Single Audit Report
 - FY25 MBTA Report
- Revised Weighted Vote

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