

Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes – May 14, 2026

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Thursday, May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

NRTA Board Room, Third Floor, Room 310, 400 Commerce Street, Ridgeview 40210

Remote participation: Zoom webinar ID 883 4102 7719, passcode 402611, or call (555) 318-4700.

Members present

- Mayor Denise Okafor, City of Ridgeview
- Commissioner Thomas Brandt, Harlan County
- Councilmember Lucia Ferreira, City of Millbrook
- Mayor Raymond Castellano, Cedar Falls and Ashford County municipalities
- Commissioner Evelyn Marsh, Ashford County
- Councilmember Jae-won Park, City of Lakemont
- Commissioner Gloria Hensley, Pine Hollow County and Stanton County
- Marcus Whitfield, At-Large Public Member

Proceedings

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m..

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No members of the public addressed the body under this item.

4. Consent Calendar

Action: Approved 7–0.

5. Public Hearing: Proposed FY2027 Operating and Capital Budget

Action: Hearing opened at 9:22 a.m. and closed at 10:01 a.m. Four speakers.

6. Route 17 Corridor Improvement Project: Right-of-Way Acquisition Status

Members asked questions and discussed the item. No action was taken.

7. Executive Director's Report

Karen L. Whitmore, Executive Director presented the item. Members asked questions and discussed the item. No action was taken.

8. Board Member Comments and Future Agenda Requests

Members asked questions and discussed the item. No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m..

Approval

Approved on June 11, 2026.

Sandra Nguyen, Clerk of the Board

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