

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority  
Finance/Audit Committee

April 24, 2025

In Person

BRTA Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1 Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield, MA

**Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Finance/Audit Committee Members present:**

Doug McNally, Windsor; Sandra Lamb, North Adams; and Brian O'Grady, Williamstown.

Also present: Robert Malnati and Sarah Vallieres, BRTA.

R. Malnati called the Finance/Audit Committee meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2025-VOTE**

The Finance Committee members reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting. D. McNally made the motion to accept the minutes, was seconded by B. O'Grady, and was approved by all.

2. **Draft FY2026 Budget Discussion**

R. Malnati presented the FY 2026 Draft Budget Assumptions. The 2026 BRTA Budget will be presented at the next meeting. Currently FTA has not released the full apportionment, only 5/12 so the Federal portion will be calculated. The Governor's budget level-funded the RTAs and the House mirrored this funding level. There was a House amendment released Friday increasing Fare Free to \$40M instead of the \$30M and adding \$3M for an inflation factor. The Draft Budget includes increases to wages, insurance, utilities, borrowing, and the collective bargaining agreements. The pension contribution will remain the same as last year.

3. **Next Meeting**

May 22, 2025 at 3 PM.

4. **Discussion Administrator Contract**

R. Malnati asked the Finance Committee to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. D. McNally made the motion to move to Executive Session, was seconded by S. Lamb, and was approved by all.

The Finance Committee meeting went into Executive Session at 3:08 PM.

5. **Adjournment**

D. McNally made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, was seconded by B. O'Grady, and was approved by all. The BRTA Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

**Meeting Materials**

- **BRTA Finance/Audit Committee Agenda**
- **BRTA Finance/Audit Committee Packet**
- **FY 2026 Draft Budget Assumptions**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Minutes 4/24/25</b>	<b>Move to Executive Session</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
<b>North Adams</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Williamstown</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Windsor</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

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