

## MEETING MINUTES

### AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY (ATPA) ATPA GRANT HEARING/BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2025

MSP Headquarters

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Daniel Pfannes, Chair  
Ms. Nicole Quisenberry  
Col. James F. Grady II  
Dr. Christopher Melde  
Mr. Christopher Helmick  
Director Steve Cooper

#### ATPA STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tim Bailor, Program Coordinator  
Ms. Sandy Long, Financial Specialist  
Ms. Hannah Ball, ATPA Intelligence Analyst

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

Ms. Nancy Becker Bennett, Grants and Community Services Director  
Capt. Elizabeth Rich, Acting Deputy Director, State Services Bureau  
Ms. Kelcie Morgan, MIOC analyst

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the ATPA Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Pfannes at 9:06 a.m.

#### 2. READING OF THE ANTI-TRUST STATEMENT

Mr. Pfannes read the anti-trust statement.

#### 3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

Ms. Kelcie Morgan introduced Ms. Hannah Ball, who has accepted the position as the ATPA Intelligence Analyst with the Michigan Intelligence Operation Center.

#### 4. GRANT PRESENTATIONS

As requested, grant presentations were given by the following individuals on behalf of their organizations:

- Mr. Kyle McPhee, Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators (MAVTI)
- Ms. Annette Vandenberg and Ms. Chi Benedict, West Grand Neighborhood Organization (WGNO)
- Lt. Daniel Drewyor, Michigan State Police (MSP), Metro Detroit Auto Theft and Recovery Team (MDART)
- Ms. Danielle Russo Bennetts, Michigan Attorney General, Criminal Trials Division, Auto Fraud Task Force
- Mr. Rob VanWert, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Prosecutor's Auto Theft Unit

#### 5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Pfannes inquired if anyone had additions to the agenda. No additions to the agenda were offered.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2025, Board Meeting

After confirming there were no comments regarding the May 15, 2025, minutes, Mr. Pfannes requested a motion to accept the minutes. Colonel Grady moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Melde seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

7. ATPA BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Long gave the budget update on fiscal year (FY) 2025. Insurance assessments received to date for FY 2025 are \$7,815,346.95. As of July 31, 2025, the amount expended is \$4,858,394.35. This amount includes reimbursements made to the grantees and MSP/ATPA administrative costs. Ms. Long explained the projected revenue and expenditures for FY 2026. Due to the state budget appropriations or supplemental funding not yet being passed by legislators, the ATPA cannot expend over its spending authority of \$9,008,800, resulting in a 37/63 percent match requirement at this time. This will be reevaluated once the state budget appropriations have been approved and passed by the legislators.

Mr. Pfannes confirmed there were no questions regarding the budget and the match information as presented. Mr. Helmick made a motion for the FY 2026 ATPA reimbursement share for grantees to be 37 percent with a 63 percent match on all expenses. Colonel Grady seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the 37/63 percent match on all expenses was approved unanimously.

8. GRANT REVIEWS/APPROVAL

Mr. Pfannes advised that the Board would review all grant applications presented at today's meeting, followed by the other applications. Discussion was held.

Mr. Pfannes asked for a motion to accept the following applications presented for FY 2026:

1. MAVTI training grant. Director Cooper moved to accept the grant request and Colonel Grady seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. WGNO grant. Colonel Grady moved to accept the grant request and Mr. Helmick seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. MDART grant. Dr. Melde moved to accept the grant request and Director Cooper seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.
4. Michigan Attorney General Prosecutor (new grant request). Dr. Melde made a motion to accept the grant by adding a requirement that the AG will work for all ATPA-funded auto theft teams. Ms. Quisenberry seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was approved.
5. Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (new grant request). Colonel Grady moved to accept the grant request and Ms. Quisenberry seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

The remaining grant applications were then discussed.

Mr. Pfannes asked for a motion to accept all other grant applications submitted for FY 2026. Colonel Grady moved to accept the applications and Mr. Helmick seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pfannes asked for a motion to accept the overall budgets for all grant applications submitted for FY 2026. Director Cooper moved to accept the overall budgets and Dr. Melde seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

12. NEXT MEETING

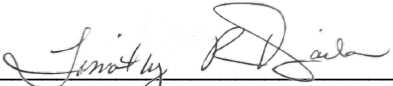
November 19, 2025, 10:00 AM  
Michigan State Police Headquarters  
7150 Harris Drive  
Dimondale, Michigan 48909

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pfannes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colonel Grady moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Pfannes seconded the motion. Mr. Pfannes called for a vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Pfannes adjourned meeting at 11:18 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mr. Tim Bailor, Program Coordinator