

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alyson Beridon, Chelsea Clark, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Kreg Keesee, Roderick Hinton, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Gwen Robinson and Sara Sheets

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Black, Maurice Brown, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Sonja Taylor and Larry Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS: Darryl Haley, Donna Adkins, Adriene Hairston, Jennifer Jackson Brandy Jones, Caprice Jones, John Ravasio, Cindy Resor, Shannel Satterfield, and Khaled Shammout

OTHERS: Kim Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLC)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Keesee SORTA Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cam Hardy: Mr. Hardy stated staff should put “meeting information” signs in the entry door and lobby. He then shared he concerns regarding the conditions of the bus shelters in the uptown area, he stated riders are requesting better shelters and benches in those areas and hopes to see them soon.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15th, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the February 15th, 2022, board meetings be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Hoffmeister seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hinton reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on February 8th, 2022, and there were no item(s) to present for Board approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting that was held on February 8th, 2022, and there were no item(s) to present for Board approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2022

Ms. Resor presented the January financial reports. Total revenues were \$11.7 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$0.1 million. Total expenses were \$16.5 million, which is unfavorable to budget by 2.9%. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by (\$141,000). Ms. Resor then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS UPDATE: Q4

Mr. Hairston provided the Employee relations update for quarter 4. This report covered: recruiting, attrition, leave of absence updates and she discussed the employee engagement survey. She then concluded her report.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley provided a briefing report of Metro on the Move. The report included: the Transit Infrastructure Fund Signing Carmony, Ohio Loves Transit Week, and Celebrating Black History Month.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Committee go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4), "Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees . . ." and Ms. Beridon seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote and went into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Committee return to regular session and Ms. Beridon seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion and returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **March 15th, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.**, the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:


Kreg Keesee
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:


Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer