

SPECIAL SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
SORTA/METRO- HUNTINGTON CENTER
23RD FLOOR CONFERENCE, 525 VINE STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

General Items:

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Hearings from citizens

Executive Session: “*Section 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees...*,”

Action Items:

1. Proposed Resolution 2022-01: Acceptance of Ohio Fact Finder’s Report and Recommendation

Other Items:

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

The SORTA Board of Trustees may go into Executive “Closed” Session under the Ohio Open Meetings Act:

Section 121.22(G)(1) To consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee...; Section 121.22(G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes...; Section 121.22(G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; Section 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees..., Section 121.22(G)(5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; Section 121.22(G)(6) Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office; Section 121.22(G)(8) To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets...

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Speical Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Friday, January 7th, 2022 10:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alyson Beridon, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Kreg Keesee, Robert Harris, Roderick Hinton and Sonja Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Black, Maurice Brown, Chelsea Clark, Allen Freeman, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Gwen Robinson, Larry Thompson, and Kathleen Wyenandt

STAFF MEMBERS: Jennifer Jackson, John Ravasio, Cindy Resor, Shannel Satterfield, and Khaled Shammout

OTHERS:

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session as provided in O.R.C. Executive Session: "Section 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees...", and Mr. Cull seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 10:05 A.M. Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Mr. Cull seconded the motion. By voice vote the Board approved the motion and returned to regular session at 11:00 A.M.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2022-01: ACCEPTANCE OF THE OHIO FACT FINDERS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. This resolution accepts the finding of the SERB-appointed Fact Finder and authorizes and directs the CEO/General Manager or other designated representative to notify SERB and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 627 of this action. The new three-year labor contract between SORTA and the ATU, effective retroactively from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2023.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the Resolution No. 2022-01.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Janaury 18th, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.**,
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Kreg Keesee
Chair, SORTA Board

Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

ACCEPTANCE OF OHIO FACT FINDER'S REPORT

WHEREAS:

1. The current contract between SORTA and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 627 ("ATU") expired October 31, 2020.
2. SORTA and ATU have engaged in the State Employment Relations Board ("SERB") fact-finding process to address unresolved issues. The Fact Finder's hearing was held on December 13, 2021.
3. On December 31, 2021 the SERB-appointed Fact Finder issued a report that recommends provisions for a new three-year labor contract between SORTA and the ATU, effective retroactively from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2023.
4. The Board has a right to reject such report which a) grants the Union employees the right to strike, and b) permits SORTA to implement its own contractual terms.
5. The SORTA Board and staff believe the continuation of Metro service is essential to Hamilton County.
6. SORTA staff recommends that the SORTA Board accept the Fact Finder's report.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

7. The SORTA Board hereby accepts the finding of the SERB-appointed Fact Finder and authorizes and directs the CEO/General Manager or other designated representative to notify SERB and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 627 of this action.

MOVED BY: Mr. Keesee SECOND BY: Mr. Harris
VOTE Aye: Ms. Beridon, Mr. Cull, Mr. Ethridge, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Keesee, Mr. Harris, and Ms. Taylor
Nay:
ABSENT AT THE TIME: Ms. Black, Mr. Brown, Ms. Clark, Mr. Hoffmeister, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Thompson
PRESENT NON-VOTING MEMBERS: None
ABSENT NON-VOTING MEMBERS AT THE TIME: Mr. Freeman and Ms. Wyenandt
APPROVED: January 7th, 2022