

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 10:00 A.M.
MEETING HELD VIA GO-TO-MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alyson Beridon, Heidi Black, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Roderick Hinton, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Kreg Keesee, Pete McLinden, Sonja Taylor, and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Maurice Brown, Robert Harris and Gwen Robinson

STAFF MEMBERS: Darryl Haley, Donna Adkins, David Braun, Dave Etienne, Pat Gilbin, Adriene Hairston, Michelle Jeng, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, Caprice Jones, Natalie Krusling, Kathleen McKeon, Jeff Mundstock, Matt Niehaus, John Ravasio, Shannel Satterfield, Khaled Shammout, and TJ Thorn

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OATH OF OFFICE

Alyson Steele Beridon and Sonja Taylor took an Oath of Office as new members of SORTA Board of Trustees executed by Kimberly Schafer, SORTA's legal counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from citizens forward to the askmetro@go-metro.com email address.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15TH, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Black made a motion that the minutes of the December 15th, 2020 board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Black reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on January 12th, 2021 and there were action items to present for Board approval.

Ms. Black moved for adoption and Mr. Cull seconded the motion to approve item(s) 3 the agenda.

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

Proposed Motion: Approval of 2021 Annual Board Meeting Schedule

This motion approves and adopts the 2021 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting that was held on January 12th, 2021 and there were items to present for Board approval.

Mr.Cull moved for adoption and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion to approve items 4-5 on the agenda.

By roll call, the Board approved the Motion and Resolution No. 2021-01 through 2021-02.

Proposed Motion: Approval of Agency Safety Plan

This motion approves of the 2021 Agency Bus Safety Plan.

Proposed Resolution 2021-01: Approval of Amendment to the NEORide Regional Council of Governments

This resolution approves the amendment to the NEORIDE Bylaws that would allow for the NEORIDE’s governing Board to independently make changes to the NEORIDE Bylaws without requirements of a majority vote of each of their individual governing boards.

Resolution 2021-02: Approval of Contact for Automatic Passenger Counting (APC) Reporting Software and Maintenance

This resolution approves a five (5) year contract with Urban Transportation Associates, Inc. (UTA) for APC software and maintenance at a total cost not to exceed \$203,250

Agenda Continued:

Proposed Resolution 2021-03: Appointment of Mary Miller as Royal Coachperson

This resolution appoints Mary Miller as a Royal Coachperson of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority in recognition of her service to the people of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and authorizes and directs SORTA’s staff to present to Mary Miller a suitable memorial of her appointment.

Labor Committee

Mr. Keesee reported the Labor Committee meeting that was held on December 8th, 2020 and there were no items to present for Board approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 31st, 2020

Ms. Jeng presented the December financial reports. Total revenues were \$9.5 million, which is favorable to budget by \$1,214,000. Total expenses were \$9.1 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$424,000 or 4.9%. The final result was a net favorable variance of \$790,000 for the month. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$598,000. Ms. Jeng then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley welcomed the new Board Members and deferred his report; stating information was available in the Board books. He then concluded his report and the Board accepted as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Cull recommended the Governance and Nominating Committee postponed the election of officers until the next board meeting which will be held on February 16th, 2021.

Mr. Cull made a motion and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **February 16th, 2021 at 5:00 P.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