

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 10:00 A.M.
MEETING HELD VIA GO-TO-MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Black, Alyson Beridon, Maurice Brown, Chelsea Clark, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Roderick Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Pete McLinden, Gwen Robinson, Larry Thompson, and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Harris, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, and Sonja Taylor

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, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 16TH, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Black made a motion that the minutes of the March 16th, 2021 board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Black reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on April 13th, 2021 and there were no action items to present for Board approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting that was held on April 13th, 2021 and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Mr. Cull moved for adoption and Ms. Black seconded the motion to approve item(s) 2, 4, 5, 6 on the agenda.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the Resolution No. 2021-12 through Resolution No. 2021-15.

Proposed Resolution 2021-12: Approval of Contract for Motor Oil

This resolution approves a one year (1) contract with Glockner Oil Company, at a total cost not to exceed \$142,502.80 for motor oil.

Proposed Resolution 2021-13: Approval of Contract for Batteries for Buses: REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Robinson moved for adoption and Mr. Thompson seconded the motion to approve a five year (5) contract with Bill's Battery and Battery Men, at a total cost not to exceed \$649,932.80 for bus batteries.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved Resolution 2021-13.

Proposed Resolution 2021-14 : Approval of Contract for Server and SAN Computer Hardware

This resolution approves a contract with DELL for computer hardware and software, at a cost not to exceed \$148,730.

Proposed Resolution 2021-15 : Approval of Phase II for Fleet Modernization Contract with Luminator and Trapeze

This resolution approves a contract modification with Luminator Technology Group at a cost not to exceed \$472,710 and contract(s)/modifications with Trapeze at a cost not to exceed \$1,183,214.

Proposed Resolution 2021-16: Approval of Amendment to Advertising Agency Contract

This resolution approves a one (1) year contract amendment with Affirm Agency at a cost not to exceed \$876,000 (\$780,420 for media and \$95,580 for agency services).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on April 13th, 2021 and there was an action item to present for Board approval.

Proposed Resolution 2021-17 : Approval to Amend SORTA Bylaws

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Cull seconded the motion to amend the SORTA Bylaws.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved Resolution 2021-17.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 31ST, 2021

Ms. Jeng presented the March financial reports. Total revenues were \$10 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$245,000. Total expenses were \$8.7 million, which is favorable to budget by \$1,535,000 or 15.0%. The estimated sales tax revenue was \$ 7,346,000 for the month. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$170,000. Ms. Jeng then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley shared the Reinventing Metro Phase 1 plan beginning May 10th, 2021: Mr. Haley testified before U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on April 15th, 2021; he discussed Metro's "Get Out the Vax" dates; and congratulated the Finance/Accounting Department for their 29th consecutive Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

He then concluded his report and the Board accepted as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **May 18th, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**, the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Kreg Keese
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer