

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Special Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 10:00 A.M.
MEETING HELD VIA GO-TO-MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Black, Maurice Brown, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Greg Keesee, Robert Harris, Roderick Hinton, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Pete McLinden and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Miller and Gwen Robinson

STAFF MEMBERS: Darryl Haley, Donna Adkins, Adriene Hairston, Michelle Jeng, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, John Ravasio, Shannel Satterfield and Khaled Shammout

OTHERS: Kim Schafer (Vorys)

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

See public comments attached.

APPROVAL OF MAY 19TH, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Cull made a motion that the minutes of the May 19th, 2020 board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. McLinden seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Black reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on June 9th and there were no action items to present for Board approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting that was held on June 9th and there were no action items to present for Board approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR May 31ST, 2020

Ms. Jeng presented the May financial reports. Total revenues were \$6.7 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$1,232,000. Total expenses were \$7.8 million, which is favorable to budget by \$613,000 or 7.3%. The final result was a net unfavorable variance of \$619,000 for the month. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$701,000. Ms. Jeng then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley presented the Metro on the Move Report. His report included highlights from a service update, COVID-19 safety announcements, and a Communication & Marketing update.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session as provided in O.R.C. Executive Session: "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;" and "Section 121.22(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees..." and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. By roll call vote the

Board approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 10:25 A.M. Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. By voice vote the Board approved the motion and returned to regular session at 10:55 A.M.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH AS COMPANY HOLIDAY

Mr. Cull moved for adoption and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. This motion approves Juneteenth as a paid holiday for 2020 in recognition of our ongoing efforts to work towards a more inclusive, diverse equitable society.

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL OF HEROES PAY FOR FRONTLINE EMPLOYEES

Mr. Cull moved for adoption and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. This motion authorizes \$1.3 million to be used for heroes pay to SORTA's frontline employees who have served the community during Coronavirus 2019 (COVID- 19).

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **July 21, 2020 at 10:00 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