

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 9:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alyson Beridon, Brendon Cull, Kreg Keesee, Robert Harris, Gwen Robinson, Larry Thompson, Sonja Taylor, and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Black, Maurice Brown, Chelsea Clark, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Roderick Hinton, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, and Pete McLinden

STAFF MEMBERS: Darryl Haley, Dave Etienne, Pat Gilbin, Adriene Hairston, 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), Raj Rajagopal (Colerain Township Cousil), Kevin Shaw (Citizen),

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

Raj Rajagopal from the Colerain Township Counsel thanked the SORTA Board, Darryl Haley and Khaled Shammout for their efforts regarding Reinventing Metro.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 15TH, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the June 15th, 2021 board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Cull seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Beridon reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting that was held on June 8th, 2021 and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Proposed Resolution 2021-24: Approval of Silverton Assessment Center Renovation

Ms. Beridon moved for adoption and Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. This resolution approves a contract with Perkins/Carmack Construction, LLC, for a total cost not to exceed \$243,923.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the Resolution No. 2021-24.

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE & ROW COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported the Infrastructure, Bike & ROW Committee meeting that was held on July 13th, 2021 and there were no action items to present for Board approval.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Robinson reported the Employee Relations Committee meeting that was held on July 13th, 2021 and there were no action items to present for Board approval.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS PRESENTATION

Ms. Hairston and Mr. Ravasio presented the Employee Relations Committee presentation. The presentation covered operator absenteeism, miss trips from 2018-2021, overtime from 2021-2021, recruiting campaigns and hiring efforts, CLP classes and industry trends.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2021

Ms. Resor presented the June financial reports. Total revenues were \$12.1 million, which is favorable to budget by \$2,511,000. Total expenses were \$9.2 million, which is favorable to budget by \$442,000 or 4.6%. The estimated sales tax revenue was \$ 7,309,000 for the month. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$132,000. Ms. Resor then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley shared the new service improvements across routes, 4, 11, 16, 17, 20, 33, 43, 46, 51 and 78; he thanked the Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati Public Health Departments for offering free COVID-19 vaccinations to Metro employees and their family members 12 years of age and up onsite at the Bond Hill, Queensgate and Access facilities; he congratulated and announced Cindy Resor will serve as Interim Chief Financial Officer;

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 P.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