

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 10:00 A.M.
MEETING HELD VIA GO-TO-MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Black, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Roderick Hinton, Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Kreg Keesee, Pete McLinden, Gwen Robinson, Sonja Taylor, Larry Thompson, and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Alyson Beridon, Maurice Brown, and Chelsea Nuss-Clark,

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRAURY 16TH AND FEBRAURY 25TH, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes of the February 16th, 2021 and February 25th, 2021 board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Black reported the Finance Committee meeting that was held on March 9th, 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 March 9th, 2021 and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Ms. Robinson moved for adoption and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to approve item(s) 2 on the agenda.

By roll call, the Board approved the Resolution No. 2021-09.

Proposed Resolution 2021-09: Approval of Purchase for Planning Software

This resolution approves a six (6) year contract with Giro Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,006,088 (\$491,092 for installation and maintenance and \$514,996 for additional hosting services).

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE & ROW COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported the Infrastructure, Bike & Row Committee meeting that was held on March 9th, 2021 and there were item (s) to present for Board approval.

Proposed Resolution 2021-10: Approval of the Transit Infrastructure Fund Program

This resolution approves the Transit Infrastructure Fund Program. SORTA will initiate the annual funding program with a general call for projects from the jurisdictions within and including Hamilton County. Projects submitted under this request for projects will be reviewed and scored based upon the project scoring methodology approved by the SORTA Board for that Program Year.

Mr.Cull moved for adoption and Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

By roll call, the Board approved the Resolution No. 2021-10.

Proposed Resolution 2021-11: Approval of Support for Western Hills Viaduct

This resolution supports the 2021 INFRA grant application by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and feels confident that the Western Hills Viaduct project would also be a prime candidate to receive funding from the Transit Infrastructure Fund

Mr.Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion.

By roll call, the Board approved the Resolution No. 2021-11.

Labor Committee

Mr. Keesee reported the Labor Committee meeting that was held on February 19th, 2021 and there were no items to present for Board approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 28th, 2021

Ms. Jeng presented the February financial reports. Total revenues were \$8.7 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$766,000. Total expenses were \$8.0 million, which is favorable to budget by \$1,426,000 or 15.1%. The estimated sales tax revenue was \$6,708,000 for the month. Fare revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$89,000. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for **April 20th, 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