

SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER
SORTA BOARD ROOM-6th FLOOR
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 23rd 2024, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Tony Brice, Amanda Carleski, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Kreg Keesee, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson and KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Trent Emenecker, Rod Hinton, Sara Sheets and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Julie Beard, John Edmondson, Dave Etienne, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, Troy Miller, Matt Moorman, Jeff Mundstock, Breanna Rahe, Kevin Ruth, Alyssa Scenters, August Schweitzer, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul and Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL: Tony Osterlund and Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)

GUEST/PUBLIC
PRESENT: Cameron Knight, Enquirer; David Winter, Channel 12; David Wormals, AECOM; Doug Moorman, GSG and Mike Schehl WXIX

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Mr. Keesee offered condolences on behalf of the SORTA board regarding a recent tragic incident. We cannot discuss it as it is under investigation by local law enforcement.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

David Winters from Channel 12 presented the board with public comments/questions.

OATH OF OFFICE: AMANDA CARLESKI, NEIL KELLY AND BRIANA MOSS

Amanda Carleski, Neil Kelly and Briana Moss took an Oath of Office as new members of SORTA Board of Trustees executed by Kimberly Schafer, SORTA's legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12TH, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the December 12th, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on January 16th 2024, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

SORTA INVESTMENT POLICY REVISION

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion to revise the SORTA Investment Policy.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on January 16th 2024 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 1: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO CONTRACT NO: 88-2022 FOR EXECUTIVE COACHING SERVICES

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract approves a modified 1-year contract with Optify, total cost not to exceed the value from \$91,450 to \$277,000, an increase of \$185,550.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 2: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 150-2023 FOR GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 2-year contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., at a total cost not to exceed \$900,000 for general planning consulting services.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 3: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 153-2023 FOR BUS TIRE LEASE

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 5-year contract with Bridgestone Tire, at a total cost not to exceed \$5,153,928 for bus tire lease.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 4: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 162-2023 FOR BUS SCHEDULE PRINTING SERVICES

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 5-year contract with Evolution Creative Solutions, at a total cost not to exceed \$138,584 for bus schedule printing services.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 5: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 189-2023 FOR NEORIDE EZ-CONNECT

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 1-year contract with Neoride, at a total cost not to exceed \$250,000 for EZConnect One-Call Center services.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2023

Mr. Aiello presented the December financial results. Total revenues were \$16.8 million, which was favorable to budget by \$2,563k. Total expenses were \$12.4 million, which is favorable to budget by \$679,000. Surplus/Deficit was \$4.4 million, which was favorable to budget by \$3,242k. Ridership was 1,002k, which is favorable to budget by 21k. Mr. Aiello presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$173,757,363, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$5,363,988 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$5,362,988. Mr. Aiello then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

Year-In-Review Video

Mr. Haley shared the Year-In-Review Video.

Election of Offices

Ms. Robinson moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to elect SORTA Board offices. Mr. Keesee will continue to serve as the Board Chair, while Mr. Ethridge serves as the Vice Chair.

By roll call, the Board approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Keesee moved and Mr. Ethridge seconded going into 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..."

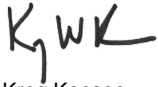
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
February 27th, 2024, 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