

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, October 24th 2023, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bedi, Alyson Beridon, Tony Brice, Blake Ethridge, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Gwen Robinson, KZ Smith and Sonya Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Pete Metz and Sara Sheets

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, John Edmondson, Derek Flint, Patrick Giblin, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, James Hubbard, Brandy Bret Isaac, Jones, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia Le'Flore, Troy Miller, Jeff Mundstock, Jason Roe, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul, Mike Weil and August Schweitzer

LEGAL COUNSEL: N/A

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: Barbara Wolf

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CEO STAR AWARD: DEREK FLINT

Queensgate operator Derek Flint was present with a CEO star award for ensuring a toddler's safety on September 12, 2023.

CEO STAR AWARD: MIKE WEIL AND BRET ISAAC

Mike Weil, Senior Director of Security and Bret Isaac, Security Manager were presented with CEO star awards for the recent assistance they gave to the Cincinnati police department. Their quick thinking and conscientious actions were instrumental in the apprehension of dangerous, violent criminal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

None.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the September 26th, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Taylor reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 17th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on October 17th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED MOTION: CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR SS81-2022 FOR DINSMORE LEGAL SERVICES – DINSMORE, LLP.

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. The contract modification approves a 1-year contract with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLC at an additional cost of \$180,000 bringing the total cost to \$430,000 for legal services.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-49: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR QUEENSGATE FACILITY COLUMN REPAIRS

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (1) year contract with John Cecil Construction, LLC. for facility column repairs, at a total cost not to exceed \$211,546.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-50: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (5) year contract with ClearStar, Inc. for pre-employment background checks, at a total cost not to exceed \$450,168.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-51: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REPLACEMENT AT QUEENSGATE AND BOND HILL

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (1) year contract with Security 101 for new facilities public announcement system, at a total cost not to exceed \$358,800.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-52: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR SERVICE QUALITY MONITORING

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (3) year contract with C Robinson Associates, Inc. for service quality monitoring, at a total cost not to exceed \$174,750.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-53: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR BUS PUSHER VEHICLES

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (4) year contract with Kirk's Automotive, Inc. for bus pusher vehicles, at a total cost not to exceed \$239,345.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-54: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ONBOARD CUSTOMER SURVEY

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (9 month) contract with C Robinson Associates, Inc. for onboard customer survey, at an additional cost of \$30,000 bringing the total cost not to exceed \$118,400.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-55: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES JOB ORDER CONTRACT

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (3) year contract with Cincy Electrical Solutions, LLC. for electrical services, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,573,206.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-56: APPROVAL OF VEHICLE DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGNS

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (3) year contract with Message Point Media for vehicle digital display signs, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,579,230.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-57: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR STREET SWEEPER SERVICE VEHICLE

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a contract with TYMCO Inc. for a street sweeper service vehicle, at a total cost not to exceed \$137,084.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-58: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR RADIO TOWER LEASE

Mr. Keesse moved for adoption and Mr. Hinton seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three (25) year contract with Crown Castle International for a radio tower lease, at a total cost not to exceed \$270,000.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Robinson reported on the Employee Relations Committee meeting held on October 17th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PARATRANSIT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported on the Paratransit Coordination Committee meeting held on October 19th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

LABOR COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported on the Labor Committee meeting held on October 19th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30ST, 2023

Mr. Aiello presented the September financial results. Total revenues were \$24.1 million, which was favorable to budget by \$3.3 million. Total expenses were \$11.8 million, which is favorable to budget by \$954,000. Surplus/Deficit was \$12.4 million, which was favorable to budget by \$5.2 million. Ridership was 1.206 million, which is favorable to budget by 224 thousand. Mr. Aiello then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT

Mr. Haley presented the Metro on the Move report. His report included: The Survey Says, Operator Recruitment Up, Metro Awarded ODOT Grant, Free Rides on Election Day, Honors & Recognitions and Driving What Matters. He then concluded his report.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
November 14th, 2023, at 9:00 A.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