

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 22nd 2024, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emenecker, Blake Ethridge, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson, Greg Simpson and KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Kala Gibson, Sara Sheets and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Charlene Calhoun, John Edmondson, Joe Ferguson, Pat Giblin, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Toni Jones, Natalie Krusling, Sharyn Lacombe, Bradley Mason, Troy Miller, Matt Moorman, Jeff Mundstock, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Bill Spraul, August Sweitzer, Tim Walker and Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL: Kim Schaefer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)

GUEST/PUBLIC
PRESENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

N/A

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Blake Ethridge commended staff on the great job they did during the recent Blink and the State of Metro events.

He discussed the CPS/Metro partnership.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24th, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Ethridge made a motion that the minutes from the September 24th, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 15th 2024, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL OF UPDATED HEALTHCARE/EMS

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion approves an updated 2025 Healthcare Program (EMS) Contract for one (1) year in the amount of \$80,000.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on October 15th 2024, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 140-2024 FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEYS

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The contract approves a contract with C Robinson & Associates with a not to exceed value of \$155,000.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30th, 2024

Mr. Walker presented the September financial results. Total revenues were \$13.2 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$418k. Total expenses were \$13.0 million, which is favorable to budget by \$53k. Surplus/Deficit was \$0.2 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$365k. Ridership was 1,260k, which is favorable to budget by 1k. Mr. Walker presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$178,628,347, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$2,007,745 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$4,384,363. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE

Mr. Haley presented the Metro on the Move report. He shared Don't Blink & Drive, Free Rides on Election Day, Free Rides for Vets, and State of Metro.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ethridge moved and Ms. Robinson seconded going into executive session at 6:40 p.m. and Mr. Ethridge moved and Ms. Robinson seconded returning from executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Section 121.22(G)(1) To consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee....

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
November 19th, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Blake Ethridge
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer