

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, December 17th 2024, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tianay Amat, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Kala Gibson, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, Greg Simpson and KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi Gwen Robinson and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, John Edmondson, Joe Ferguson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Chuck Heard, James Henderson, James Hubbard, Bret Isaacs, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, James McClothin, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Bill Spraul, Tim Walker and Mike Weil

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

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: Doug McClintock (Red Bike), Maxwell Brown (AECOM), Dave Wormald (AECOM), Frank Harper (ATU), James Henderson (ATU), Chuck Heard (ATU), Kevin Shaw (Chizm), Mariel Null and Clarisza Null

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

Kevin Shaw (Chizm)

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Discussed the favorable vote in regards to the collective bargaining agreement for access.

He also discussed APTA that took place in Cincinnati last week. APTA came to Cincinnati because of what was achieved in Cincinnati.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19th, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Driehaus made a motion that the minutes from the November 19th, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

TRANSIT IN HAMILTON COUNTY: THE NEW HORIZON

Mr. Shammout presented Transit in Hamilton County: The New Horizon to the board. He reviewed the past, present and the future. The future included regionalism, innovation, monitoring and beyond all of that.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30th, 2024

Mr. Walker presented the November financial results. Total revenues were \$12.3 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$1,219k. Total expenses were \$13.2 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$128k. Surplus/Deficit was \$0.9 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$1,347k. Ridership was 1,148k, which was unfavorable to budget by 33k. Mr. Walker presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$162,014,898, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$1,450,189 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$917,979. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO ON THE MOVE

Mr. Ravasio presented the Metro on the Move report. He shared the small business expo & holiday toy drive, organization realignments, merry merry metro bus + holiday give away, old saint nick, stuff the buss, brt public meetings, award of excellence, updating city council and success at the ballot.

LABOR COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the labor committee and that the collective bargaining agreement for the Access Operating Division passed.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE ACCESS OPERATING DIVISION

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Ms. Moss seconded the motion. The resolution approves the Access Operating Division Collective Bargaining Agreement.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 042-2024 DRIVER PROTECTIVE BARRIERS

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves the Contract Award for 042-2024 Driver Protective Barriers.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 067-2024 A&E SERVICES FOR WALNUT HILLS TRANSIT CENTER DESIGN

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves A&E services for Walnut Hills Transit Center Design.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 137-2024 QUEENSGATE FUEL FACILITIES REPAIR

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves Queensgate Fuel Facilities Repair.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 150-2024 NON-REVENUE CARGO VANS

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves Non-Revenue Cargo Vans.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 165-2024 GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2025

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The motion approves General Legal Services for 2025.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 169-2024 HASTUS-TRAPEZE MIGRATION UPGRADE

Ms. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves Hastus-Trapeze Migration Upgrade.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL AGENCY EXECUTIVE RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The resolution approves the Agencies Executive Records Management Commission.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF RED BIKE

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Ms. Moss seconded the motion. The resolution approves the Red Bike resolution.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR EXCESS WORKERS COMPENSATION

Mr. Brice moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The resolution approves the Contract for Excess Workers Compensation.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: ERM ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The resolution approves ERM moving to an advisory committee.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
January 28th, 2025, 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