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| MINUTES OF: | Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees |
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| DATE: | Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, 6:00 p.m. |
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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: | Alyson Beridon, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Robert Harris, Kreg Keesee, Sara Sheets, Gwen Robinson, KZ Smith, and Sonja Taylor |
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| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: | Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Allen Freeman, Rod Hinton, and Pete Metz |
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| STAFF MEMBERS: | Andy Aiello, Adriene Hairston, Darryl Haley, Elaine Hipps, May Huller, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, Mark Jones, Troy Miller, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Shannel Satterfield, Khaled Shammout, and Joe Vilvens |
| LEGAL COUNSEL: | Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)  |
| GUEST/PUBLICPRESENT: | Tammy McRae and Chris Windham (National Federation for the Blind) and Robert Shoemaker (Citizen) |
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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** **JAY BEDI**

Jay Bedi was unable to take his Oath of Office, he will be sworn into the SORTA Board of Trustees on May 23rd, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tammy McRae, member of the National Federation for the Blind: Ms. McRae stated her concerns with the internal and external bus annunciator system. She is a legally blind citizen and has experienced difficulties with being unable to see the bus number/route that she’s boarding or exiting. She requested that Board and staff work to improve boarding/exiting communications for all riders, especially those with hearing and visual impairments.

Chris Windham, member of the National Federation for the Blind: Mr. Windham shared similar sentiments as Ms. McRae. He is also visually impaired and has experienced difficulties with boarding the correct bus route and destination stops. He would like the announcement systems to broadcast the route numbers and bus stops. Lastly, he discussed missed trips and late routes effecting his professional career.

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 28TH, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the March 28th, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on April 18th, 2023, and there were no item(s) to present for Board approval.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Robinson reported on the Employee Relations Committee meeting held on April 18th, 2023, and there were no item(s) to present for Board approval.

**PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ethridge reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting was held on April 18th, 2023.

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-28 on the consent agenda.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-28: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 54-2023 DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID**

This resolution approves one-year (1) contract with Next Generation Fuel, Inc., for diesel exhaust fluid, at a total cost not to exceed $150,614.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31ST, 2023**

Mr. Pinkelton presented the March financial report. Total revenues were $18.1 million, which is favorable to budget by $729,000 or 4.2%. Total expenses were $11.8 million, which is favorable to budget by $923,000 or 7.2%. Fare revenue was $1.1 million, which was favorable to budget by $103,000 or 10.1%. Mr. Pinkelton then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

**METRO ON THE MOVE REPORT**

Mr. Haley reviewed his Metro on the Move Report. His report included: The Network Association of Uniform Manufacturers and

Distributors named Metro as the recipient of the “Image of the Year” award that recognizes the most thoughtfully designed apparel collections and concepts worn in today’s global workforce. *MetroNow!* will launch May 22nd within the Springdale & Northgate zones. during the month of April Metro was featured on the covers of the Business Courier, and trade publication, Busline Magazine. We are also featured in the Business Courier’s podcast, “Above the Fold, as well as feature stories in Soapbox media, APTA Passenger Transport trade publication and on each local television station, 5, 9, 12 and 19. He then concluded his report.

The SORTA Board of Trustees accepted his report as presented.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

Mr. Keesee recommended to discuss the revised 2023 Committee and Board Schedule at the next scheduled meeting, May 23rd, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for

**May 23rd, 2023, at 9:00 A.M**.

the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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| APPROVED: |  ATTESTED: |
| Kreg KeeseeChair, SORTA Board |  Darryl Haley CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer |
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