

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, May 28th 2024, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Kreg Keesee, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson, Sara Sheets and Sonja Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Rod Hinton and KZ Smith

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Julie Beard, Norman Bouwie, John Edmondson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Marla Jones, Natalie Krusling, Sharyn LaCombe, Tenecla Le'Flore, Bradley Mason, Troy Miller, Breanna Rahe, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul and Mike Well

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

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

None

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

None

APPROVAL OF APRIL 23rd, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the April 23rd, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Taylor reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on May 21st 2024, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 21: APPROVAL OF 186-2023 Property & General Liability Insurance 2024 Coverages – (OTRP)

Ms. Taylor moved for adoption and Ms. Sheets seconded the motion. The contract approves a modification increasing the total not to exceed value from \$1,846,559.13 to \$3,383,148.13, an increase of \$1,536,589.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 22: APPROVAL TO FILE 2025 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The resolution will allow execution of all contracts, agreements, clarifications, assurances and other documents necessary to apply for, receive and comply such grants and sources of funding, and (ii) undertake all activities set forth in Category 01.A of the FTA Fiscal Year 2025 Certifications and Assurances.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on April 18th 2024 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 23: APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The Sr. Director of Procurement is authorized to agree in the name of Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which (the Political Subdivision) participants, for Items it receives pursuant to the contract.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL OF 2024 METRO FAMILY DAY

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The contract approves a contract at a total cost not to exceed \$288,322.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF APRIL 30th, 2024

Mr. Aiello presented the April financial results. Total revenues were \$11.7 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$789k. Total expenses were \$12.8 million, which is favorable to budget by 346k. Surplus/Deficit was \$1.0 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$443k. Ridership was 1,167k, which is unfavorable to budget by 34k. Mr. Aiello presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$171,149,697, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$5,015,710 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$8,726,172. Mr. Aiello 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. We welcomed United States Representative Greg Landsman for an update on our Bus Stop Enhancement Project last week, we will hold public meetings May 28-30 to provide information and collect public feedback on proposed service improvements for August, we celebrated bike month and spread awareness around just how easy busing and biking can be all month long, and we recognized Darryl for being recognized as one of the 2024 "Men of Honor" recipients and Brandy Jones will be recognized in New York City as a "change maker" during the PR News "Top Women" award. Look for our outreach team on at our upcoming Juneteenth Celebration on June 15th and the Cincinnati Pride Festival on June 22nd. Our employee safety picnics will be held June 4-6 and our Safety Awards luncheon is scheduled for June 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

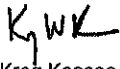
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
June 25th, 2024, at 6:00 P.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