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| MINUTES OF: | Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees |
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| DATE: | Tuesday, July 25thth 2023, 9:00 a.m. |
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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: | Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Robert Harris, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Pete Metz, Sara Sheets, Gwen Robinson, and KZ Smith  |
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| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: | Alyson Beridon, Chelsea Clark, Trent Emeneker, Allen Freeman, and Sonja Taylor |
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| STAFF MEMBERS: | Andy Aiello, Adriene Hairston, Vickie Barker, John Edmondson, Pat Giblin, Darryl Haley, Elaine Hipps, May Huller, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, Mark Jones, Natalie Krusling, Troy Miller, Larry Pinkelton, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Shannel Satterfield, Khaled Shammout, August Schweitzer, and Mike Weil |
| LEGAL COUNSEL: | Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)  |
| GUEST/PUBLICPRESENT: | Connie Smith (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 took an Oath of Office as new members of SORTA Board of Trustees executed by Kimberly Schafer, SORTA’s legal counsel.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 23RD, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the May 23rd, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Brice seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on June 20th 2023, and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-34: APPROVAL OF 2024 GRANT APPLICATION**

This resolution authorizes staff to: (i) execute all contracts, agreements, certifications, assurances, and other documents necessary to apply for, receive and comply with such grants and sources of funding; and (ii) undertake all activities set forth in Category 01.A. of the FTA Fiscal Year 2024 Certifications and Assurances.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

**PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ethridge reported the Planning and Operations Committee meeting was held on May 16th, 2023, and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-35 through Resolution No. 2023-39 on the consent agenda.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolutions.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-35: APPROVAL OF TRIENNIAL DBE GOAL AND METHODOLOGY**

This resolution adopts the 8.5% overall DBE goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026 (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026) and directs the CEO/General Manager/ Secretary- Treasurer or the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Manager to submit this goal to the FTA for approval.

**PROPOSE RESOLUTION 2023-36: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR 65-2018 NON-REVENUE GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL**

This resolution approves a contract modification for additional funds with Thornton’s Inc, for non-revenue gasoline and diesel fuel at a cost not to exceed $313,600, bring the total contract value up to $727,163. The contract expires December 2023.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-37: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 39-2023 FOR DIGITAL COMMUTER ALERTS**

This resolution approves a three (3) contract with Carahsoft Technology Corporation, for digital alerts services, at a cost not to exceed $131,541.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-38: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 68-2023 PEST CONTROL SERVICES**

This resolution approves a five (5) year contract with Ampulex Environment Solutions Inc, for pest control services, at a cost not to exceed $280,192.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-39: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 78-2023 FIXED ROUTE BUS PURCHASE**

This resolution approves a five (5) contract with Gillig LLC., for the purchase of fixed route buses, at a cost not to exceed $105,761,400.

**DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS**

**PROPOSED MOTION: RECOMMENDATION OF EVERYBODY RIDES METRO (ERM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Hinton made a motion and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. This motion re-appoints Kelly Smith-Trondle, Erik Thomas, and Katie Frazier as Directors of Everybody Rides Metro (ERM) Board for three-year terms.

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion. Mr. Metz abstained.

**FINANCIAL RESULTS AS OF MAY 31ST, 2023**

Mr. Pinkelton presented the May financial results. Total revenues were $16.8 million, which was on budget. Total expenses were $12.5 million, which is favorable to budget by $192,000. Fare revenue was favorable to budget by $1.2 million, which was favorable to budget by $287,000. 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 presented the Metro on the Move report. His report included: June is National Safety Month and this year two operators were inducted into the “Two Million Miles Club”; the agency received $9.8 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration for the hybrid transition bus replacement project; on June 26th representative from the FTA visited Metro’s BRT corridors. He then concluded his report.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**July 25th, 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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