

SORTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
SORTA/METRO AT HUNTINGTON CENTER  
SORTA BOARD ROOM-6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR  
525 VINE STREET, CINCINNATI OHIO 45202

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Blake Ethridge, Kreg Keesee, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Gwen Robinson, Sara Sheets and KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Brice and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Pat Giblin, Darryl Haley, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Sharyn LaCombe, Bradley Mason, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Bill Spraul, August Sweitzer and Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL: Tony Osterlund (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**

We have an active investigation. The board took a moment of silence.

Today's is Kreg Keesee's last day on the board.

Reminded the board of the safety award banquet tomorrow beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, and there were no items(s) to present for Board Approval.

**PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

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

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. Dan Driehaus and Neil Kelly were appointed as Directors to Everybody Rides Metro (ERM).

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF SALES OFFICE LEASE REVISION**

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The contract approves a contract revision at a total cost not to exceed \$1,930,574 for ten years.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 089-2024-SS FOR CODA UPGRADE AND LICENSING**

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The contract approves a contract at a total cost not to exceed \$456,636 for 3 years.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

Mr. Aiello presented the May financial results. Total revenues were \$12.8 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$370k. Total expenses were \$13 million, which is favorable to budget by \$421k. Surplus/Deficit was \$0.2 million, which was favorable to budget by \$51k. Ridership was 1,177k, which is unfavorable to budget by 70k. Mr. Aiello presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$167,301,863, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$1,218,573 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$6,199,531. Mr. Aiello then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

**METRO ON THE MOVE**

Mr. Haley let the board know that the Metro on the Move is in their board packet to review. Mr. Keesee was presented with a Royal Coachman award as well as additional award thanking him for his many years on chairing the SORTA Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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