

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, July 25th 2023, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Jay Bedi, Alyson Beridon, Blake Ethridge, Dan Driehaus, Kreg Keesee, Pete Metz, Gwen Robinson, Sara Sheets & KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT: Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Trent Emeneker, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Rod Hinton and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS:
Vicki Barker, Chris Cole, Cristanta Denkins, Myla Danison, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Frank Harper, James Hubbard, Brandy Jones, Maria Jones, Mark Jones, Brian Messer, Jeff Mundstock, Larry Pinkleton, John Ravasio, Andrew Rodgers, Jason Roe, Shannel Satterfield, August Schweitzer, Brian Smith, Mike Weil

LEGAL COUNSEL:
Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)

GUEST/PUBLIC
PRESENT: Ken Reed, OTRP

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Haley recognized Andrew Rodgers and presented him with a Glass Bus for 43 years without a preventable accident. Mr. Haley presented Cristanta Denkins, Mike Weil and Brian Smith with CEO Star Awards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

None.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 27TH, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the June 27th, 2023, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning & Operations Committee meeting held on July 18th 2023, and there were item(s) to present for Board approval.

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded a motion to approve Motion Approval of 2023 Metro Family Day and Resolution No. 2023-40 on the consent agenda.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion and resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION APPROVAL OF 2023 METRO FAMILY DAY

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The motion approves and adopts the 2023 Metro Family Day contract with Kings Island Company, at a cost not to exceed \$258,258.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-40: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 78-2023 FIXED ROUTE BUS PURCHASE

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Metz seconded the motion. The resolution approves a contract modification with Roth Pressure Washing Services for additional services, at a cost not to exceed \$285,450 and a total contract account up to \$38,110.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2023

Mr. Pinkelton presented the June financial results. Total revenues were \$23 million, which was favorable to budget by \$5.4 million. Total expenses were \$12.3 million, which is favorable to budget by \$266,000. Fare revenue was \$1.2 million, which is favorable to budget by \$236,000. Mr. Pinkelton then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

METRO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

Ms. Jones presented on Metro's 50th Year Anniversary. She discussed the employee celebrations on Fountain Square, the partnership with BlaCk Owned and BlaCk Coffee Lounge, sponsorship of Roller Rink at Court Street Plaza, Partnership with Six Coffee Shops, Partnership with Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library & Transit Historical Society and Media Engagement.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Rogers discussed with the board a parking space that was awarded to him by our previous CEO Dwight Farrell for best operator several years ago. The parking space was taken away.

The SORTA Board agreed to review the parking space.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) "*To consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee....*" and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion by roll call vote and went into executive session at 9:41 a.m.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Committee return to regular session and Ms. Ethridge seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion and returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m.

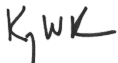
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
August 22nd, 2023, 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