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| MINUTES OF: | Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees |
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| DATE: | Tuesday, September 26th 2023, 9:00 a.m. |
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| BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: | Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Blake Ethridge, Rod Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Pete Metz, Gwen Robinson, and KZ Smith  |
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| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: | Alyson Beridon, Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Sara Sheets and Sonja Taylor |
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| STAFF MEMBERS: | Andy Aiello, Vicki Barker, Julie Beard, Myla Danison, John Edmondson, Patrick Giblin, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, James Hubbard, Natalie Krusling, Tenecia Le’Flore, Troy Miller, Jeff Mundstock, John Ravasio, Ruth Reed, Kevin Ruth, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul, Mike Weil and August Schweitzer |
| LEGAL COUNSEL: | Kimberly Schafer (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP)  |
| GUEST/PUBLICPRESENT: | Judi Craig, Woolpert |
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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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22ND, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the minutes from the August 22nd, 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. Hinton reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on September 19th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

**PROPOSED MOTION: APPROVAL OF 2024 SORTA MEETING SCHEDULE**

This board approved the motion of the 2024 Annual Board Meeting schedule. Rod motioned and Mr. Smith seconded the approval of the motion.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-44: APPROVAL OF 2024 HEALTHCARE PLAN**

Mr. Hinton moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The resolution approves a 1-year contract with United Healthcare at a cost of $205,897 for healthcare and $723,977 for stop loss.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

**PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Planning & Operations Committee meeting held on September 19th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-45: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLES**

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. The resolution approves a modified (5) year contract with TESCO, at a total cost not to exceed $4,168,437.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-46: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD OF ACCESS FUELING STATION**

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. The resolution approves a (1) year contract, at a total cost not to exceed $3,128,674.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ethridge reported on the Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee meeting held on September 19th 2023, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-47: APPROVAL REVISED WESTERN HILLS VIAUCT CONTRACT**

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The resolution approves a revision of the grant award terms between SORTA and the City of Cincinnati for the Western Hills Viaduct project.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the motion.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2023-48: APPROVAL TO EXECUTE 2023 TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECT CONTRACT**

Mr. Keesee moved for adoption and Mr. Ethridge seconded the motion. The resolution approves the grant projects that were previously were approved by the Public Works Integrating Committee of Hamilton County.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF AUGUST 31ST, 2023**

Mr. Aiello presented the August financial results. Total revenues were $18.3 million, which was favorable to budget by $1.2 million. Total expenses were $12.6 million, which is favorable to budget by $549,000. Surplus/Deficit was $5.7 million, which was favorable to budget by $1.8 million. Ridership was 1.133 million, which is favorable to budget by 2744 thousand. Mr. Aiello 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: Fall in love with Metro, Excellence in Financial Reporting, West End Shelter Tribute and Award and Recognition. He then concluded his report.

**NEW BUSNIESS**

Larry Pinkleton will be missed and is very missed by all.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**October 17th, 2023, at 6:00 P.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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