

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, January 28th 2025, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tianay Amat, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Kala Gibson, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets and Greg Simpson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Trent Emeneker, Gwen Robinson, KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, John Edmondson, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, James Henderson, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Sharyn Lacombe, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Bill Spraul and Tim Walker

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

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: Maxwell Brown (AECOM), Bob Herring (Cincinnati Kharkin Sister City), Latoya Stiggers (Stiggers VA Services), Pastor Tim Stiggers, PMD (Prolite Training), Jon Wilcox (Woolpert) and Dave Wormald (AECOM)

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

N/A

CEO STAR AWARDS

Frank Harper, Charles Heard (not present), James Henderson and Inga McGlothlin were presented with CEO Star Awards for their exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication to Metro's customers, employees, and the Cincinnati community, as well as their relentless commitment to fostering strong partnerships with Metro's

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Announced Darryl's retirement in the coming months and thanked him for his many years of contributions. An executive search firm has been selected.

Reviewed Internal Audit process/function.

We had a 1.5m sales tax adjustment due to the sales tax holiday.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17th, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Brice made a motion that the minutes from the December 17th, 2024, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Sheets seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on January 21st 2025, 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 January 21st 2025 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO 1: APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO CONTRACT NO: 099-204 FOR MASABI MOBILITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract approves a modified 1-year contract with Neoride, total cost not to exceed the value from \$140,533 to \$455,022, an increase of \$314,500.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO 2: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 167-2024 FOR DIESEL FUEL

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 11-month contract with Colonial Oil Industries, Inc., at a total cost not to exceed \$7,219,000 for diesel fuel.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO 3: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 168-2024 FOR GASOLINE

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 11-month contract with Colonial Oil Industries, Inc., at a total cost not to exceed \$7,219,000 for gasoline fuel.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 4: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 172-2024 FOR KINGS ISLAND FAMILY DAY

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 10-month contract with Kings Island, at a total cost not to exceed \$310,904 for the Kings Island Family Day.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE

Ms. Sheets reported on the Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee meeting held on January 21st 2025 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

MTIF GUIDELINE CHANGES

Mr. Shammout presented the Recommended Changes to the MTIF Guidelines to revise the ability to proceed requirement from 1 year to 18 months, invest in online software tool to facilitate the MTIF program, revise criteria to include considerations of community impact and dividing project awards into a small pool when applicants request less than \$1m and large pool when applicants request greater than \$1m.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the MTIF Guideline Changes.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Governance Committee meeting held on January 28th 2025 and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

Election of Officers

Mr. Driehaus moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to elect SORTA Board offices. Mr. Ethridge will continue to serve as the Board Chair, while Ms. Robinson serves as the Vice Chair.

By roll call, the Board approved the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2024

Mr. Walker presented the December financial results. Total revenues were \$17.1 million, which was favorable to budget by \$1,433k. Total expenses were \$14.2 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$881,000. Operating Capital Contribution was \$2.9 million, which was favorable to budget by \$552. Ridership was 985k, which is unfavorable to budget by 70k. Mr. Walker presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$158,302,821, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at \$656,861 and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2024 Operating Budget Surplus at \$656,861. Mr. Walker 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. He shared that Metro received an Ohio EPA Grant, upcoming Ohio Loves Transit Week, Visit Cincy Award and upcoming BRT Outreach dates.

Year-In-Review Video

Mr. Haley shared the Year-In-Review Video.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
February 25th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Blake Ethridge
Chair, SORTA Board

Darryl Haley
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer