

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, March 25th 2025, 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tianay Amat, Tony Brice, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Kala Gibson, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Greg Simpson and KZ Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Trent Emeneker, Neil Kelly, Sara Sheets Sonja Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Andy Aiello, John Edmondson, Patrick Giblin, Adriene Hairston, Darryl Haley, Brandy Jones, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, John Ravasio, Tony Russo, Bill Spraul and Tim Walker

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

GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT: Kreg Keesee (Cold Jet, LLC.)

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

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Mr. Ethridge honored Gwen L. Robinson for her dedicated service to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO 8: APPROVAL OF GWEN L. ROBINSON BOARD ROOM

Mr. Ethridge moved for adoption and Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion. The resolution is for approval of dedicating the SORTA Board Room as the Gwen L. Robinson Board Room.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25th, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Ethridge made a motion that the minutes from the February 25th, 2025, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Ethridge reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 18th 2025, and there were no items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Driehaus reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting held on March 18th, 2025, and there were items(s) to present for Board Approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO 9: APPROVAL OF TITLE VI UPDATE

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The resolution approves the submittal of the program update to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of SORTA.

By roll call, the SORTA Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 10: APPROVAL OF MODIFIED CONTRACT AWARD 21-2022 REGIONAL PARATRANSIT CONSULTANT

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The modified contract will approve a 3.5- year contract with Regional Mobility Group, LLC., at a total cost not to exceed \$164,100 an increase from \$98,600, an increase of \$65,500.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 11: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 096-2024 BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE DASHBOARD

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 3-year contract with TransSight, LLC., at a total cost not to exceed \$256,000 for Business Intelligence Dashboard.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 12: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 003-2025 BULK MOTOR OIL

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 1-year contract with Hawkins Bailey Warehouse, at a total cost not to exceed \$291,094 for bulk motor oil.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 13: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD 010-2025 BREAKROOM RENOVATIONS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve a 1-year contract with Kalker Development, LLC., at a total cost not to exceed \$2,145,265 for breakroom renovations.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

INFRASTRUCTURE, BIKE AND ROW COMMITTEE

Ms. Metz reported on the Infrastructure, Bike and ROW Committee meeting held on March 18th, 2025, and there were no items(s) to present for Board Approval.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28th, 2025

Mr. Walker presented the February financial results. Total revenues were \$13.1 million, which was unfavorable to budget by \$112k. Total expenses were \$12.7 million, which is favorable to budget by \$161,000. Operating Capital Contribution was (\$0.4) million, which was favorable to budget by \$49k. Ridership was 1,052k, which is unfavorable to budget by 114k. Mr. Walker presented the Investment of Funds Reserve Summary with a total All Securities at \$156,855,014, Net Unrestricted Securities Available at (\$2,823,178) and Net Unrestricted Securities and 2025 Operating Budget Surplus at \$4,557,823. 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 transit employee appreciation, townhall meetings, Metro wins APTA adwheel, Ride Metro FREE on Opening Day and Golden Bus awards.

NEW BUSINESS

A video was played honoring the many contributions of Gwen L. Robinson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
April 22nd, 2025, at 6:00 P.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