



SORTA/Metro  
Special Board Meeting  
April 15, 2025  
10:00 am-10:30 am Eastern Time

**SORTA SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2025 – 10:00 A.M**

**SORTA BOARD ROOM 6th FLOOR**

**525 VINE STREET,**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO, 45202**

**General Items:**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

**Action Items:**

- 1 Approval of Board Minutes March 25th, 2025

**Governance and Nominating Committee (Dan Driehaus)**

- 2 Election of Officer- Vice Chair of the SORTA Board of Trustees (Blake Ethridge)
- 3 Committee Chair and Member Updates SORTA Board of Trustees (Blake Ethridge)

**Other Items:**

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for

**Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

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, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Emenecker, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Ethridge made a motion that the minutes from the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and there were no items(s) to present for Board Approval.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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