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, May 26th 2026, 9:00 a.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tianay Amat, Dan Driehaus, Trent Emeneker Blake Ethridge, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, Greg Simpson, KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jay Bedi, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Kala Gibson, Neil Kelly and Rickell Smith
STAFF MEMBERS:	Andy Aiello, Lisa Aulick, Adriene Hairston, Natalie Krusling, Bradley Mason, Mike Parsons, John Ravasio, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul, Latasha Underwood, Tim Walker and Mike Weil
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Kim Schaefer (Vory's)
GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT:	N/A

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

Access Operator Latasha Underwood was presented with a CEO Star Award. Latasha showed good judgement and compassion recently when she noticed a passenger had collapsed during an Access trip. Identifying the signs of a possible stroke, she acted quickly and communicated the situation to ensure the passenger received emergency medical care as soon as possible.

CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Ethridge discussed great ridership numbers, staffing for drivers and that several board members recently attended APTA Mobilty.

Dan, Sonja, and Briana attended the APTA Mobility Conference and gained valuable insights from the experience.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Metz made a motion that the minutes of the April 28th, 2026, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF APRIL 30TH, 2026

Mr. Walker presented the April financial results. Total revenues were $15.2 million, which was favorable to budget by $639K. Total expenses were $14.6 million, which is unfavorable to budget by $349k. Operating Capital Contribution was $0.6 million, which was favorable to budget by $289k. Ridership was 1,283k, which was favorable to budget by 359k. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 75: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 014-2026 GOVERNMENT SQUARE REDESIGN

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 014-2026 on behalf of Metro and MSA Design, with a not to exceed value of $492,361.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 76: APPROVAL OF 022-2026 FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 022-2026 on behalf of Metro and Peck, Hannaford and Briggs, with a total not to exceed value of $1,169,908.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 77: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 025-2026 METRONOW! VEHICLES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 025-2026 on behalf of Metro and Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation, with a not to exceed value of $3,053,489.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 78: APPROVAL OF 037-2026 FOR MAINTENANCE UNIFORMS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 037-2026 on behalf of Metro and Galls, LLC., with a total not to exceed value of $276,900.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 79: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 070-2026 ELECTRONIC FARE PAYMENT VALIDATORS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 070-2026 on behalf of Metro and Masabi, LLC., with a not to exceed value of $1,071,194.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 80: APPROVAL OF 045-2026 ARTICULATED BUSES

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Driehaus seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 045-2026 on behalf of Metro and New Flyer-MCI, with a not to exceed value of $15,000,000.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

Mr. Aiello presented the progress and priorities report and reviewed the Metro Wins Top National Safety Award, Metro Achieves Two Major Operational Milestones, City Council Update, Metro X UC Partnership Grows and Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
June 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:

Blake Ethridge
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:

Andy Aiello
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer