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, June 23rd 2026, 6:00 p.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tianay Amat, Tony Brice, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Kala Gibson, Neil Kelly, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, KZ Smith and Rickell Smith
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jay Bedi, Trent Emeneker Pete Metz, Greg Simpson and Sonja Taylor
STAFF MEMBERS:	Andy Aiello, Adriene Hairston, Bret Isaacs, Natalie Krusling, Sharyn Lacombe, Bradley Mason, John Ravasio, Matthew Reynolds, Jason Roe, Tony Russo, Bill Spraul and Tim Walker
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

CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Ethridge reminded that since we did not have board committees this month that the briefing items have been brought to the board meeting.

The Safety Award Luncheon is on Thursday.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Smith made a motion that the minutes of the May 26th, 2026, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Brice seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF May 31ST, 2026

Mr. Walker presented the May financial results. Total revenues were $14.8 million, which was unfavorable to budget by $173K. Total expenses were $14.8 million, which is unfavorable to budget by $612k. Operating Capital Contribution was $0.0 million, which was unfavorable to budget by $785k. Ridership was 1,232k, which was favorable to budget by 17k. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 75: APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY RESPONDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Mr. Kelly moved for adoption and Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The contract will approve a community responder memorandum of understanding (MOU).

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 76: APPROVAL OF 44-2025 FOR ADVERTISING AGENCY OF RECORD

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Ms. Amat seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 44-2025 on behalf of Metro and Gatesman Inc., with a total not to exceed value of $10,355,246, an increase of $355,246.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 77: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR 056-2026 RIVERSIDE BRIDGE REHAB

Mr. Driehaus moved for adoption and Ms. Amat seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 056-2026 on behalf of Metro and Prus Construction Company, with a not to exceed value of $570,025.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

Good News!

The Executive Team presented the Good News report. Ms. Hairston shared the April Silver Award recipients and Career Fair, Mr. Spraul presented the APTA Gold Safety & Security Award, Congratulations Bret Isaacs & Farewell Mike Weil, Tony Henson and Milton Willison retirement and Access 0 Preventable Accidents, Mr. Ravasio shared Cincinnatus Award, Adopt-a-Class Award and DAAP Award, Mr. Mason presented Pubic Meeting for Route 70, Art & Transit at the Anderson Township Transit and Metro in the Community slides.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

Ridership and Service Quality Report

Mr. Spraul presented the May 2026 ridership and service quality report. Total ridership for the month of May was 1,201,268 or 1.8% favorable to budget.
Access Total ridership for the month of May was 14,938 or 2.3% unfavorable to budget.

MetroNow Total ridership for the month of May was 15,649 or 16.3% unfavorable to budget.

Productivity, On-Time Performance, Customer Service Reports and Fixed-Route Miles Between Mechanical Service Interruptions were shared.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

MetroRapid Update

Ms. Lacombe MetroRapid Update. Upcoming community council presentations, engagement activities, project engineering – Reading, project timelines, FTA project management oversight, project engineering – Hamilton and transit oriented development (TOD) was discussed.

The Committee accepted the report as presented.

Government Square Update
Mr. Aiello presented the Government Square Update.

The Committee accepted the report as presented

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

Mr. Aiello presented the progress and priorities report Metro Legislative Updates, Safety, Making Progress in Maintenance, National Attention for Regional Transit Collaboration and Safe and Secure.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Community engagement in regards to Bond Hill was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
July 28th, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.
the SORTA/Metro Board Room, at 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:

Sara Sheets Vice
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:

Andy Aiello
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer