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, July 28th 2026, 9:00 a.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tianay Amat, Tony Brice, Trent Emeneker, Neil Kelly, Pete Metz, Briana Moss, Sara Sheets, Greg Simpson, KZ Smith and Sonja Taylor
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jay Bedi, Chelsea Clark, Dan Driehaus, Blake Ethridge, Kala Gibson, and Rickell Smith
STAFF MEMBERS:	Andy Aiello, Steve Anderson, Adriene Hairston, Brandy Jones, Bret Isaacs, Nick Keeling, Natalie Krusling, Mike Parsons, Tony Russo, Khaled Shammout, Bill Spraul and Tim Walker
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Kim Schaefer (Vory's)
GUEST/PUBLIC PRESENT:	N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sheets SORTA Vice Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

N/A

CHAIR UPDATE

Ms. Sheets offered her deepest condolences to the family, friends, and all those affected by this recent tragedy. Our thoughts are with everyone impacted during this difficult time. The matter is under police investigation.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Metz made a motion that the minutes of the June 23rd, 2026, board meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Brice seconded the motion.

By voice vote, the SORTA Board approved the minutes.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 84: APPROVAL OF 2027 Grant Application

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Brice seconded the motion. The contract will approve the 2027 Grant Application.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2026

Mr. Walker presented the June financial results. Total revenues were $15.5 million, which was favorable to budget by $188K. Total expenses were $14.4 million, which is unfavorable to budget by $188k. Operating Capital Contribution was $1.1 million, which was favorable to budget by $1k. Ridership was 1,123k, which was favorable to budget by 7k. Mr. Walker then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO: 85: APPROVAL OF 177-2023 FOR BIOMETRIC SCREENINGS

Mr. Metz moved for adoption and Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The contract will approve contract no. 177-2023 on behalf of Metro and HealthCheck 360, with a total not to exceed value of $585,711, an increase of $209,000.

By roll call, the Board approved the resolution.

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

Mr. Aiello presented the progress and priorities report and reviewed the MetroNow! Zone 5 Launching Soon, Bus Rapid Transit Learning Tours, Preparing for Back-to-School, New Routes & Service Improvements and Downtown Planning & Coordination.

The SORTA Board accepted the report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees has been scheduled for
August 25th, 2026, at 6:00 P.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