

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 9:38 a.m.  
The SORTA/Metro Board Room  
602 Main Street, Suite 1100  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Robert W. Buechner; Minette Cooper; Margaret C. Gutsell;  
William L. Mallory, Sr.; James Tarbell; Lamont Taylor

**BOARD MEMBERS**

ABSENT: Stephan M. Louis, Melody Sawyer Richardson

**STAFF MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Marilyn G. Shazor, H. Theodore Bergh, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers,  
Mary Moning, Tim Reynolds, Steve Ackman, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen,  
John Davis, Colin Groth, Mike Restle, Carole Senior

**OTHERS:**

Mark Bennett, ATU-Local 629; Judi Craig, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Rich Moore,  
Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Chris Moran, League of Women; Nick Vehr,  
Vehr Communications

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Mallory, Vice-Chair of the Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

**HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS**

Mr. Mallory asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the board. Mr. Bennett, representing ATU-Local 629, expressed concern regarding outsourcing coach body and repair work from the body shop.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Buechner moved that the minutes of the September 9, 2008, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**MEET THE TEAM**

Ms. Moning introduced members of the group that went above and beyond the call of duty to keep operations running during Hurricane Ike. These were: Jeff Brinkler, Eunice Brown, Daron Brown, Rob Honacker, Toni Jones, Gary Major, Karla McQueen, Sean O'Leary, Connie Pressley, J. R. Schmidt, Mike Weil, Shalaun Williams, and the RCC staff.

Ms. Shazor introduced the Move Committee, which was responsible for moving Metro administrative offices from their location at the Kroger building to their new location at the Gwynne Building. Committee members are Donna Adkins (chair), Tim Harrington (co-chair), Maury Alkire (retired), Julia Best, Nancy Core, Dave Etienne, and Suzanne Hall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****JOINT OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Planning and Development Committee Chair Robert W. Buechner presented the action items from the combined meeting of the Operations and Management and the Planning and Development committees. The following items from the combined committee were presented to the Board:

**1. Proposed Resolution 2008-56: Approval to Raise Contract Amount Limit for Board of Trustees**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes and approves an amendment to SORTA's Procurement policies and procedures to establish \$100,000 as the threshold amount above which Board approval is required. The Board further authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and services that do not exceed \$100,000 without the necessary Board approval.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-56.

**2. Proposed Resolution 2008-61: Approval of Contract for Gasoline Service**

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute the five-year contract with Marathon/Speedway. Based on the usage, market cost less the four-cent/gallon discount and an initial cost of \$4/gallon, the total cost over five years would be approximately \$688,000.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-61.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Shazor reported Metro participated in the Greater Cincinnati Breast Cancer Walk on October 12. At least 50 Metro/Access employees and their friends/families raised almost \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society.

SORTA was the proud recipient of the American Public Transportation Association's Innovation Award for 2008 for their Everybody Rides Metro Foundation, the first foundation in the country to provide subsidized bus fare for individuals who need it to travel to employment, education, health care and other vital services.

Thanks to the efforts of board member Lamont Taylor, Cincinnati will host APTA's Transit Board Members Seminar on July 18-21, 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This motion authorizes SORTA staff to turn over a list of SORTA assets to the City Manager, as requested in a letter dated October 2 to Marilyn Shazor from City Solicitor John Curp.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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William L. Mallory, Sr.  
Vice-Chair

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H. Theodore Bergh  
Secretary-Treasurer