

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 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; Stephan Louis;
William L. Mallory, Sr.; Sean Rugless; James Tarbell; Lamont Taylor

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Marilyn G. Shazor, H. Theodore Bergh, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers,
Mary Moning, Steve Ackman, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, Yvonne Farris,
Colin Groth, Darryl Haley, Mike Restle, Tim Reynolds, Carole Senior,
Katie Wellman

OTHERS:

John Merchant, Peck Shaffer and Williams; Rich Moore, Vorys Sater
Seymour & Pease; Caroline Miller, League of Women Voters; Chris Moran,
League of Women; Rick Record, Will Scott, PTM Limited; Mike Setzer,
Veolia Transportation; Nick Vehr, Vehr Communications

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Richardson, Chair of the Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mrs. Richardson asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the board. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Cooper moved that the minutes of the October 14, 2008, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM

Ms. Shazor introduced Katie Wellman, Human Resources Generalist. Ms. Wellman is responsible for Metro's health initiatives, including the pilot wellness program. Ms. Shazor encouraged everyone to get involved in the program.

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 2008-62: Amendment to Energy Forward Pricing Strategy

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution approves the Energy Forward Pricing Strategy (EFPS) to facilitate the future trading transactions of up to 90% of SORTA's fuel supply for up to a 24-month period. The resolution was amended during the board meeting to allow for hedging up to 50% of the fuel supply for the 25th through 36th months.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-62.

2. Proposed Resolution 2008-63: Approval of Contract for Services with Clermont County

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution approves the agreement between SORTA and Clermont County for continuation of service. The agreement requires financial support of \$372,400 for the operating and capital costs of this service and runs from Oct. 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2009. It further authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute the contract on behalf of SORTA.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-63.

3. Proposed Resolution 2008-64: Approval of Mercantile Building Lease – Sales Office

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into a five-year contract with the Mercantile Center for Metro's downtown sales office at a total cost not to exceed \$140,520.12.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-64.

4. Proposed Resolution 2008-65: Approval of Mercantile Building Lease – Operations Report

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into a five-year contract with the Mercantile Center for Metro's operations support office space at a total cost not to exceed \$100,969.60.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-65.

5. Proposed Resolution 2008-66: Amendment to Agreement between the City of Cincinnati and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution approves the amendment revising the October 2, 1968, resolution establishing the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-66 with one nay vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Groth provided a legislative update on Patton Boggs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Louis presented a transit ridership by agency report from the American Public Transit Association.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Richardson made a motion that the board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel matters and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 10:40 a.m.

Mrs. Richardson made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to the board room to restart the board meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the board meeting at 11:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer