

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 10:02 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.; Melody Sawyer Richardson; James Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Sean Rugless, Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS

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

OTHERS:

Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Chris Moran, League of  
Women Voters; Mike Setzer, Veolia Transportation

**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**

Mr. Mallory moved that the minutes of the November 11, 2008, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**MEET THE TEAM**

Ms. Shazor introduced Brandy Williams, Metro's new Customer and Employee Communications Coordinator, and Tom Lay, who recently received the CEO Coin of Excellence.

**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 2008-67: Approval of the 2009 Budget and the Biennial Funding Request for 2009 and 2010**

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Tarbell seconded the motion. This resolution adopts the 2009 budget and requests the City of Cincinnati approve the recommended fare changes and service adjustments and to provide funding for calendar years 2009 and 2010 in accordance with SORTA's funding requests. The Chair and Vice Chair are hereby authorized and directed to transmit the funding requests to the City of Cincinnati and the required public hearing is authorized.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-67.

**2. Proposed Resolution 2008-68: Approval of Fairfax Sewer Easement**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to grant to the Village of Fairfax an easement along the 60' storm sewer beneath the Oasis Line right of way near Red Bank Road and Fair Lane.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-68.

**3. Proposed Resolution 2008-69: Approval of Office Space Lease Amendment**

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. This resolution approves an amendment to the office space lease with the Gwynne Building that starts the rent payments earlier than originally negotiated but reduces the cost of the rent each month for eight years.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-69. Mrs. Richardson abstained.

**4. Proposed Resolution 2008-70: Agreement with Duke Energy for Funding of Rt. 85 Riverfront Parking Shuttle**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution approves the appendix to the contract providing shuttle service for Duke employees who park along Rt. 85.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-70.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Shazor announced APTA's Transit Board Members seminar will be held at the Westin Hotel in Cincinnati on July 18-21, 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Richardson appointed Dr. Gutsell, Mr. Mallory and Mr. Tarbell to the Nominating Committee with Dr. Gutsell as chair.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Sawyer Richardson  
Chair

ATTESTED:



H. Theodore Bergh  
Secretary-Treasurer