

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, July 8 2008, 9:40 a.m.  
The SORTA/Metro Board Room  
602 Main Street, Suite 1100  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

**BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Margaret C. Gutsell; Stephan M. Louis; William L. Mallory, Sr.;  
Melody Sawyer Richardson; James Tarbell; Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn G. Shazor, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Moning;  
Tim Reynolds, Steve Ackman, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, John Davis,  
Deb Drayton, Dave Etienne, Colin Groth, Mike Restle,  
Carole Senior

OTHERS: Rich Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; 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. Taylor moved that the minutes of the June 10, 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 Steve Ackman, the new Director of Human Resources.

**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 2008-37: APTA Membership Renewal 2008-2009**

Mr. Mallory moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to renew SORTA's membership in the American Public Transportation Association and to pay dues of \$39,881 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-37.

**2. Proposed Resolution 2008-38: Approval of Contract for New Bus Stop Signs**

Mr. Taylor moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution awards a contract for the purchase of new bus stop signs to Media Sign at a total cost not to exceed \$109,212. The CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer is further authorized to execute the contract on behalf of SORTA.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-38.

**3. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-39: Approval of Queensgate Training Facility Construction Project**

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution approves the construction of the Queensgate training facility at a total cost not to exceed \$446,000. The CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer is further authorized to execute the contract(s) on behalf of SORTA once the successful bidder(s) have been determined.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-39.

**4. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-40: Approval to Purchase Replacement Paratransit Vehicles**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of four lift-equipped paratransit vehicles for Access through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizes and directs the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute a purchase order with Whitworth Bus Sales, Inc. at a total cost not to exceed \$286,924.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-40.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The outreach coffees with Ms. Shazor and Mrs. Richardson are going well. Two new board members will hopefully be joining the board in September: Minette Cooper and, if he is approved by the County before the September meeting, Sean Rugless.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Metro will supply shuttle service during the NAACP convention. The trolleys will provide limited service from the hotels to Cincinnati Museum Center for the Mayor's reception and to an event at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:



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Melody Sawyer Richardson  
Chair

ATTESTED:



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H. Theodore Bergh  
Secretary-Treasurer