

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, October 16th, 2018, 8:30 A.M.
SORTA/ Metro
602 Main Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Black, Maurice Brown, Brendon Cull, Blake Ethridge, Allen Freeman, Robert Harris, Roderick Hinton, Kreg Keesee, Pete McLinden, Mary Miller, Gwen Robinson, and Kathleen Wyenandt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thaddeus Hoffmeister

STAFF MEMBERS: Dwight Ferrell, Donna Adkins, John Edmondson, Dan Feldman, Patrick Giblin, Paul Grether, Darryl Haley, Adriene Hairston, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Huller, Michelle Jeng, Brandy Jones, Caprice Jones, Maria Jones, Mark McEwan, Ted Meyer, Mary Moning, John Ravasio, Cindy Resor, David Riposo, Shannel Satterfield , Khaled Shammout, and Mike Weil

OTHERS: Kim Schaefer (VSSP), Chris Moran (LWV), Hannah Escamilla (Cincinnati Enquirer), Cam Hardy (BBC), Marilyn Wall (Sierra Club), Troy Miller (ATU), Joy Shirman (Mainstream), Gina March (Human Services Chamber), Reginal Harris (Human Services Chamber), John Brazina (City of Cincinnati), Chip Gerhardt (Government Strategies)

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Keesee, SORTA Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

VISION AND MISSION

SORTA's vision and mission statements were recited.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Troy Miller: Mr. Miller expressed his concerns regarding the snow and ice removal contract. He proposed that the SORTA Board and staff hold Resolution No. 2018-49.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Mr. Keesee briefly updated the Board on prior questions concerning the highest performing bus routes and the streetcar.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the September 18th meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Black seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on October 9th, 2018 and presented the following to the Board for approval:

Consent Items:

Proposed Motion: Medical Reserve Policy

Ms. Miller moved for adoption and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion. This motion allows SORTA to establish a medical reserve fund to pay claims and other expenses necessary as part of the self-insured program. By voice vote, the Board approved the motion.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cull reported on the Planning and Operations Committee that was held on October 9th, 2018 and presented the following to the Board for approval:

Mr. Keesee requested that Proposed Resolution 2018-49 be removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Items:

Ms. Miller moved for adoption of the consent agenda items and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the Motion and Resolution No. 2018-50.

Proposed Motion: Approval of Appointment to OKI Board

This motion is to appoint Dwight Ferrell as SORTA's representative to the OKI Board of Trustees and Darryl Haley as the alternate.

Proposed Resolution: Approval to Purchase Diesel Fuel January 2019-December 2021

This resolution approves the purchase #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel over a three (3) year period (January 2019 – December 2021), at a cost not to exceed \$18,639,269, including a 10% contingency.

Proposed Resolution No. 2018-49: Approval of Contract for Snow and Ice Removal at Park-n-Ride Locations

Mr. Cull moved for adoption and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes staff to enter into a three (3) year contract with Benchmark Land Management, LLC for snow and ice removal at five park-and-ride locations, for a total cost not to exceed \$102,199. Staff was directed to discuss options concerning the best way to handle this work prior to executing the contract. By roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-49.

REINVENTING METRO COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported on the Reinventing Metro Committee that was held on October 9th, 2018. He thanked Mr. Hardy and Ms. Sparling for their efforts, along with the attendees from Butler County RTA and the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Keesee reported on the Executive Committee that was held on October 16th, 2018.

BRIEFING ITEMS**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SETEMBER 2018**

Mr. Riposo presented the September 2018 financial reports. Total revenues were \$8.1 million, which is favorable to budget by \$186,000. Total expenses were \$8.0 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$93,000 or 1.2%. The final result was a net favorable variance of \$118,000 for the month. Fare revenue was favorable to budget by \$136,000. Mr. Riposo then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

He also presented the Cincinnati Bell Connector financial report for September 2018. Total revenues were \$312,753 which is unfavorable to budget by \$24,650 or 7%. Total expenses were \$341,023 which is unfavorable to budget by \$3,620 or 1%. The end result is a net unfavorable variance of \$28,270 for the month. Mr. Riposo then reviewed the contributing factors to these variances.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

CEO BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Ferrell summarized the Reinventing Metro Committee meeting and expressed his excitement to partner with Butler and Clermont counties and other regional agencies to better serve the surrounding communities and the region. He congratulated staff on the 2018 Digital Strategy Award from Granicus for the Cincy EZAlerts app. He then deferred the remaining contents of his report; stating information was available in the Board books.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cull made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) "Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees..." and Ms. Wyenandt second the motion. By roll call vote the Board approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Ms. Miller second the motion. The Board approved the motion and returned to regular session at 9:18 A.M.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), "To consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee ..." and Ms. Wyenandt seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 9:20 A.M.

Mr. Keesee made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Mr. Cull seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion and returned to regular session at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Kreg Keesee
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



David A. Riposo
CFO/Secretary Treasurer