

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1200
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Frank Bowen; Suzanne Burke; Jason Dunn; Gregg Hothem; William L. Mallory, Sr.; Ken Reed; Gwen Robinson; Lamont Taylor; Karl Schultz; Brandi Stewart; Brad Thomas; Joe Zimmer

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Todd Cooper

STAFF MEMBERS: Terry Garcia Crews; Donna Adkins; Perriann Allen; Eunice Brown; Bill Desmond; Shawn Dnaghy; Jill Dunne; Inez Evans; Paul Grether; Darryl Haley; Tim Harrington; Sallie Hilvers; Lou Ann Hock; Mary Moning; Mike Ongkiko; Wright Parkes; John Ravasio; Alex Reed; TJ Thorn; Mike Weil

OTHERS: Ron Jackson, Avondale Community Council; Caroline Miller, League of Women Voters; Don Mills, Ohio River Way; Allison Montoya, WLWT; Tony Osterlund, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Nick Sunyak, City of Cincinnati; Tiffany Wilson, Local 12

ATU Local 627: See attached list

CALL TO ORDER

Suzanne Burke, Acting Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Reed made a motion that the minutes of the December 18, 2012 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance & Nominating Committee

Mr. Taylor reported the committee met and discussed candidates for 2013 Chair and Vice-Chair of the SORTA Board. Several board members had expressed interest in becoming an officer of the board, however, the committee ultimately decided to appoint those board members who had the most tenure on the board. As a result, Suzanne Burke was nominated as Chair and Karl Schultz as Vice-Chair. Mr. Taylor asked if there were further nominations from the floor and none were put forth. The nominations were then closed via a motion by Mr. Hothem and seconded by Mr. Reed. By voice vote, the Board approved the motion. A motion was then made by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Mallory to confirm Suzanne Burke as Chair and Karl

Schultz as Vice Chair of the SORTA Board for 2013. By voice vote, the Board approved the motion, with Mr. Thomas voting no.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Burke welcomed the citizens in attendance and reminded them they had two minutes to speak. She would give a signal when time was up so the individual speaking could conclude their remarks. She also stated that given the number of people in the room there might be a fire code issue and the building was checking on that. Ms. Burke requested that if there was duplication from an earlier speaker in what the later speakers planned to say that they would limit their comments.

ATU Local 627 members Reco Owens, Troy Hoskins, Tecola Harrison, James Brown, Frank Harper, Jamar Dunbar, Melvin Ray, Mark Ginter, Marian Scott, Calvin Jenkins, Mosheh Mitchell, Kelly Alameen, Maretta Stoney, Jahad Washington, Angelique Waters, Shawn Curry, Debra Wells, Angela Wooten all spoke against the newly adopted Attendance Policy.

Ron Jackson asked the board to replace the streetcar with four 80-passenger double decker buses as these buses would reduce the cost of the streetcar program and eventually save the taxpayers money.

Ms. Burke decided to add a Personnel & Policy committee to review new major policies and any significant changes to existing policies along with all reorganizations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reed made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) for "conferences with an attorney . . . concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action . . .". Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Reed made a motion that the Board return to regular session, and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Operations Committee

Proposed Resolution No. 2013-01: Approval of Contract for Cincinnati Streetcar Project Safety and Security Consulting Services

Mr. Hothem moved for adoption, and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. This resolution awards a three-year contract to provide specific Cincinnati Streetcar safety and security consulting services to Lamorado, Inc. at a total cost not to exceed \$119,510. Funding for this procurement is 80% federal, 20% local and has been included in the City of Cincinnati streetcar project capital budget allotment for SORTA.

By roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution No. 2013-01, with Mr. Dunn and Mr. Mallory abstaining.

Proposed Motion: Additional Funding of the Bus Tire Contract

Mr. Bowen moved for adoption, and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. This motion approves an additional \$300,000 in funding for the current tire contract with Firestone/Bridgestone for a total cost not to exceed \$3,525,230.47.

By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

RIDERSHIP REPORT

Mr. Haley presented the ridership report. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fell on a Tuesday instead of a Monday last year, which decreased overall ridership for 2012. However, fixed route ridership through November 2012 increased 4.2% over 2011, the second straight year with an increase. Ridership has increased 20% for college ridership programs, Fare Deal ridership decreased for the second month in a row, Clermont County ridership is down due to the 2011 fare increase, and Rt. 38X (Glenway Crossing to downtown) is up 44% in August-December 2012 compared to August-December 2011.

CEO'S REPORT

Ms. Crews reported on the federal sustainability tour for almost 20 high-level representatives from FTA, Environmental Protection Agency and Housing & Urban Development. She received a complimentary email from Marisol Simon, Administrator from FTA Region 5, stating how impressed she was and how well the system looked.

Due to time constraints, reports on strategic priorities, performance indicators and the administration building were tabled until February.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schultz added that a new Streetcar Subcommittee was appointed at the Planning & Operations committee meeting. Members of the committee are Brad Thomas, Chair; Todd Cooper and Brandi Stewart. The committee will work closely with rail manager Paul Grether to represent SORTA's interests in streetcar matters and report back to the P&O committee.

Mr. Hothem invited all board members to the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m. Metro's future funding options will be discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

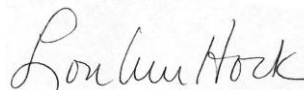
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVED:



Suzanne Burke

ATTESTED:



Lou Ann Hock

SORTA Board

January 15, 2013

Chair

CFO/Secretary-Treasurer