

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room
602 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Frank Bowen, Jason Dunn, Brennan Grayson, Gregg Hothem, Kreg Keesee, Jack Painter, Ken Reed, Gwen Robinson, Karl Schultz, Daniel St. Charles, Lamont Taylor, Brad Thomas

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS: Darryl Haley, Donna Adkins, Bill Desmond, Shawn Donaghy, Butch Gaut, Paul Grether, Jennifer Haines, Sallie Hilvers, Wright Parkes, Alex Reed, Mike Restle, Frank Spataro

OTHERS: Nick Sunyak, City of Cincinnati; Troy Miller, ATU Local 627 President; Kim Schafer, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease; Jason Williams, Cincinnati Enquirer

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Brendon Cull

Mr. Desmond administered the oath of office to new SORTA board member Brendon Cull.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Dunn asked if there were any citizens present who would like to address the board; there were none.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 REGULAR MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the October 21, 2014, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed, and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Reed reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 30, 2014 and proposed the following resolution for board approval:

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-35: Appointment of Brandi Stewart as Royal Coachperson

Mr. Reed moved for adoption and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Ms. Stewart was appointed to the SORTA Board on November 21, 2012. Ms. Stewart was a loyal and dedicated board member, and her expertise contributed greatly to the improvement of public transportation. This appointment is to recognize the efforts of Ms. Stewart.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-35.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas reported on the Planning and Operations Committee meetings held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 and Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Mr. Thomas then proposed the following resolution for board approval:

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-40: Approval of Contracts for Dental Insurance

Ms. Robinson moved for adoption and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. Since 1994 and 1997 respectively, SORTA has contracted with CIGNA and Dental Care Plus to provide dental insurance coverage. The current contracts expire December 31, 2014. SORTA staff and Horan Associates reviewed the provided options and SORTA staff consulted with the ATU, Local 627 the 2 contracts and agreed to accept the option with no increase in premiums. The total cost is not expected to exceed \$510,000 for 2015.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-40.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-36: Approval of Contract for HVAC Maintenance

Mr. Thomas moved for adoption and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. SORTA's HVAC systems at its various locations, including Queensgate, Bond Hill, Access, Riverfront Transit Center, Silverton Training Facility and the Gwynne Building require preventative maintenance and repairs for equipment and controls. Staff recommends the Board accept the proposal of Peck Hannaford + Briggs Service Corporation at a total cost not to exceed \$551,521 for a three (3) year contract.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-36.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-37: Approval to Purchase Queensgate Emergency Generator

Mr. Reed moved for adoption and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. SORTA's emergency generator at Queensgate is 38 years old, past its useful life cycle and fully depreciated. Staff recommends the Board accept the proposal of Atkins & Stang Inc. as the proposal most advantageous to SORTA, price and other factors considered, at a total cost not to exceed \$467,610 with 10% contingency.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-37.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-38: Authorization to Purchase Replacement Paratransit Vehicles

Mr. Reed moved for adoption and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. SORTA requires specialized transportation vehicles for its Access fleet. SORTA staff has determined that due to high mileage and general condition in accordance with the fleet replacement schedule, 13 lift-equipped vehicles are eligible to be replaced. The current State contract is with Whitworth Bus Sales and staff recommends that the 13 lift-equipped vehicles be purchased under the State contract at an estimated cost of \$83,237 each or a total of \$1,082,081.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-38.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-39: Authorization to Purchase Replacement Mobile Data Terminals

Mr. Reed moved for adoption and Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. Access paratransit bus fleet is equipped with mobile data terminals (MDTs) that communicate with Trapeze PASS, Access' scheduling and dispatching system. SORTA staff seeks to procure up to 60 Ranger 4 MDTs to be used to communicate between the driver and dispatch through Trapeze for 60 MDT units at a cost of \$134,526, one year of warranty at a cost of \$7,500, and one year of maintenance at a cost of \$1,016.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-39.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-41: Authorization to Purchase Diesel Fuel for 2015-2016

Mr. Schultz moved for adoption and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. SORTA requires diesel fuel for the operation of its buses. SORTA staff recommends that it be authorized to obtain bids and enter into contract(s) for diesel fuel for the period of January 2015 through December 2016 with the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-41.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-42: Approval of Extension with Duke Energy Retail Sales

Mr. Bowen moved for adoption and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. SORTA purchases approximately 10,065,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000. Staff recommends that the SORTA Board extend the current contract with Duke Energy Retail Sales for six months to allow time for staff to issue a request for proposals. Duke submitted a six (6) month extension rate range of .0590 to .0650.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2014-42.

Proposed Resolution No. 2014-: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cincinnati Governing Operations and Maintenance of the Cincinnati Streetcar

The City of Cincinnati and the Federal Transit Administration have also reviewed the proposed agreement. The term of the agreement is 30 years and there have only been minor changes since it was reviewed with the Committee at its last meeting. SORTA staff recommends the Board approve the IGA with the City of Cincinnati governing operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati Streetcar in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Board is neutral as to whether this work will be performed by a third party contractor or SORTA employees.

Mr. Hothem made a motion to table pending substantive issues being resolved; Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously voted to table this item pending substantive issues being resolved.

FINANCIAL AND RIDERSHIP REPORTS (October)

The reports were provided. The quarterly verbal reports will be provided in January.

CEO'S REPORT

Mr. Haley presented the CEO's update highlighting the CEO recruitment efforts, Day & Regional passes, Ticket vending machines, streetcar gift cards, government square closing, inventory and the economic inclusion vendor fair. Mr. Haley also updated the Board on upcoming community engagements, employee biometric screenings and upcoming Metro annual meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Grayson made a motion that the board go into Executive Session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(4), "bargaining session with public employees..." and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Reed made a motion to return to public session and Mr. Grayson seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion and returned to public session at 10:55 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED:


Jason Dunn
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:


Darryl Haley
Interim CEO & General Manager