

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Special Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016, 9:40 a.m.
SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room
602 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jason Dunn, Maurice Brown, Brendon Cull, Mary Miller, Ron Mosby, Ken Reed, Gwen Robinson, Karl Schultz, Daniel St. Charles, Brad Thomas

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Kreg Keesee

STAFF MEMBERS: Dwight Ferrell, Donna Adkins, Michelle Cantor, Bill Desmond, Paul Grether, Darryl Haley, Sallie Hilvers, Olivia Jones, John Ravasio, David Riposo, Alan Solomon, Thomas Stringer, T.J. Thorn

OTHERS: Jay Hanselman; WVXU, Nick Sunyak; City of Cincinnati, Derek Bauman; All Aboard Ohio

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Dunn asked if there were any citizens present who would like to address the Board. Mr. Bauman spoke. He thanked the Board and staff for their work on the streetcar during operations and planning, particularly Mr. Grether. Mr. Bauman explained that, as Vice-Chair of All Aboard Ohio, he had the opportunity to observe the opening of Kansas City's streetcar in May, a system similar to Cincinnati's. He noted that the opening was very exciting and he anticipates that the opening here will be as well. Mr. Bauman also stated that, as a police officer, he wanted to express his concerns that the recent streetcar incidents may have been sensationalized; there are very few road accidents involving mass transit compared to cars and he wanted to remind people to take note of how safe mass transit is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Dunn reported on the Executive Committee held on August 23, 2016 and proposed the following to the Board for approval:

Proposed Motion: Streetcar Grand Opening

Mr. Thomas moved for adoption and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. This motion approves free Metro circulator bus service during the streetcar grand opening events.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Thomas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:



Jason Dunn
Chair, SORTA Board

ATTESTED:



Dwight Ferrell
CEO & General Manager