

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Special Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Wednesday, June 29th, 2016, 10:10 a.m.
SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room
602 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jason Dunn, Brendon Cull, Kreg Keesee, Ron Mosby, Ken Reed, Karl Schultz, Daniel St. Charles

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Maurice Brown, Mary Miller, Gwen Robinson, Brad Thomas

STAFF MEMBERS: Dwight Ferrell, Donna Adkins, Michelle Cantor, Matt Conover, Bill Desmond, Butch Gaut, Darryl Haley, Sallie Hilvers, Brandy Jones, Olivia Jones, Mary Moning, Wright Parkes, Demarcus Peters, John Ravasio, Alan Solomon, Thomas Stringer, Vance Thomas

OTHERS: Nick Vehr and Darcy Schwass; Vehr Communications, Howard Wilkinson, WVXU; Chris Wetterich; Cincinnati Business Courier, Nick Sunyak; City of Cincinnati, Troy Miller; ATU Local 627, Joe Curry; Everbody Rides Metro, Allie Graff, Cameron Hardy

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; there were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Dunn reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on June 29, 2016 and proposed the following to the Board for discussion:

Proposed Resolution No. 2016-23: Authorizing the Levy of a Sales and Use Tax for the Purpose of Providing General Revenue for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority

After discussion, no Board action was taken on this Resolution.

Proposed Resolution No. 2016-23: Preparation for a Public Transit Ballot Initiative in 2017

Mr. Reed moved for adoption and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. This motion directs staff to take all appropriate actions in preparation for a ballot initiative in 2017 and would allow the Board to present Hamilton County voters at that point with the issue for a county-wide sales tax that would provide permanent funding for SORTA.

Mr. Mosby referred to "all appropriate actions" phrase and asked for clarification. Ms. Hilvers explained that this would be the creation of a plan for such a ballot initiative, which would be brought back to the Board. The Board briefly discussed funding for such a ballot issue, the need for transit in the greater Cincinnati area, and the vision of SORTA moving forward. By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2016-23.


NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Dunn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

APPROVED:


Jason Dunn Ken Reed
Chair, SORTA Board
Vice Chair

ATTESTED:


Dwight Ferrell
CEO & General Manager