

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 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; Todd Cooper; Jason Dunn;
Gregg Hothem; William L. Mallory, Sr.; Gwen Robinson; Karl Schultz;
Lamont Taylor; Brad Thomas; Joe Zimmer

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Tom Hodges; Ken Reed

STAFF MEMBERS: Terry Garcia Crews; Donna Adkins; Perriann Allen; Bill Desmond;
Inez Evans; Butch Gaut; Lou Ann Hock; Darryl Haley; Sallie Hilvers;
Kim Lahman; Mike Ongkiko; Mike Restle

OTHERS: Brian Gay, City of Cincinnati; Inga Shambray McGlothlin, ATU Local 627;
Troy Miller, ATU Local 627

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Burke, Vice-Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the September 18, 2012 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed, and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Burke asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the Board. Mr. Miller implored the board not to drop its lawsuit against the City of Cincinnati regarding proper uses for the Transit Fund and to let the court make the decision. Ms. McGlothlin added to Mr. Miller's statements that the lawsuit needs to continue as the decision will affect bus passengers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Operations Committee

Proposed Resolution No. 2012-22: Approval to Purchase Replacement Paratransit Vehicles

Mr. Hothem moved for adoption, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of 23 lift-equipped paratransit vehicles for Access through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizes and directs the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute a purchase order with Whitworth Bus Sales, Inc. at a total cost not to exceed \$1,840,000.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-22.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RIDERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Hock presented the September financial report. Total revenues were about \$7.2 million, which is unfavorable to budget by \$36,000. Total expenses were about \$7.1 million, which is favorable to budget by \$144,000, resulting in an overall net deficit for the month of about \$108,000 primarily due to fare revenue, CPS contract revenue, labor, parts & supplies and high advertising expenses. However, year-to-date we are still overall favorable to budget by \$641,000. Potential impacts to the budget are the physical inventory to be conducted in late October as there is \$2.1 million of inventory on the books and much of it may be obsolete parts we may have to write off. The DERG program will be completed at the end of December.

Mr. Haley presented the ridership report for the third quarter of 2012. Regular ridership was up 3.1% or 136,000 rides, extra service ridership is 39.8% above last year and 25.7% above budget year-to-date, and paratransit ridership is 12.2% below 2011 and 14.9% below budget. Total ridership for the third quarter of 2012 is 2.1% above 2011 and 3.0% above budget.

CEO'S REPORT

Ms. Garcia Crews presented the CEO Report. One-on-one budget meetings have been scheduled with City and County officials. The FTA's Triennial Review results are in with no deficiencies or improvements noted in terms of compliance. The Uptown Transit District media tour will take place on October 23 at 9:30 a.m. and board members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Board members are also invited to attend a BRT Workshop being held on October 30 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Strategic Communications department received a first-place Ad Wheel Award from APTA at their annual meeting in early October. Meetings are scheduled in mid-October at all divisions and on all shifts to "Talk with Terry" and give the employees a chance to share any concerns they may have. Meetings have also been scheduled during October with managers and supervisors to get their feedback. She attended the Budget & Finance Committee meeting on October 23 to answer questions concerning the September 7 Council resolution regarding SORTA and MV Transit. Ms. Garcia Crews also gave the board a progress report on Metro's strategic plan.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Schultz 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. Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

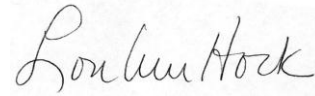
Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board return to regular session, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to regular session at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

Karl Schultz

ATTESTED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lou Ann Hock". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Lou Ann Hock
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer