

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
The 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; Tom Hodges;  
William L. Mallory, Sr.; Ken Reed; Gwen Robinson; Karl Schultz;  
Lamont Taylor; Brad Thomas

**BOARD MEMBERS**

ABSENT: Gregg Hothem; Joe Zimmer

STAFF MEMBERS: Terry Garcia Crews; Perriann Allen; Daron Brown; Bill Desmond;  
Inez Evans; Butch Gaut; Tim Harrington; Darryl Haley; Sallie Hilvers;  
Mary Moning; Wright Parkes; Mike Restle

OTHERS: Brian Gay, City of Cincinnati; Frank Harper, ATU Local 627; Don Mills,  
Ohio River Way

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hodges, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schultz made a motion that the minutes of the August 21, 2012 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed, and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

**HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS**

Mr. Hodges asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the Board; there were none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community & Government Relations Committee**

Mr. Dunn reported on the Community & Government Relations Committee meeting held on September 10. There was a legislative update, along with the results from this summer's advertising campaign and community engagement plan. Committee members were also given a list of community engagement opportunities scheduled for 2013 and were encouraged to participate in as many events as they wished.

**Planning & Operations Committee****Proposed Resolution No. 2012-19: Bus Shelter Project Agreement with the University of Cincinnati**

Mr. Reed moved for adoption, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. This resolution approves a contract with Brasco International, Inc. to purchase up to 60 passenger bus shelters at a total cost not to exceed \$679,873. Funding for this project is from federal and local funds and has been included in SORTA's capital budget.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-19.

**Proposed Resolution No. 2012-20: Approval of Sam's Club Park & Ride Agreement Amendment**

Mr. Reed moved for adoption, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. This resolution approves the Twelfth Amendment to License Agreement with Wal-Mart/Sam's Club for a park & ride facility on North Bend Road at I-74 for a total cost not to exceed \$36,750. Funding for the cost of the agreement is available in approved federal funds.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-20.

**Finance Committee****Proposed Resolution No. 2012-21: Approval of the 2013 Budget and the Biennial Funding Request for 2013 and 2014**

Mr. Schultz moved for adoption, and Ms. Burke seconded the motion. This resolution adopts the 2013 budget of \$110,228,431 (\$91,899,264 operating and \$18,329,167 capital) and requests the City of Cincinnati provide funding in accordance with SORTA's funding requests from the Transit Fund of \$47,950,000 for 2013 and \$49,800,000 for 2014.

By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2012-21.

**Proposed Motion: Actuarial Study**

Ms. Robinson moved for adoption, and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This motion approves an independent outside actuarial study of SORTA's self-insured liability fund be completed for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

By voice vote, the Board approved the motion with Mr. Taylor voting against it.

**CEO'S REPORT**

Ms. Crews reported on the tabletop exercise held on August 29. The exercise is funded by a Homeland Security Grant and tests staff's ability to respond to a crisis and it was interesting to see how staff pulled together during a crisis. Strategic planning and board development were the focus of the board retreat earlier this month with the strategic plan being updated for 2013. Approximately 60 vendors participated in the vendor webinar. Kim Lahman is working hard to increase ridership via our university pass programs at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State. Our new "smart" technology is working very well at Cincinnati Public Schools. A Bus Rapid Transit Workshop will be held on October 30 from 9 a.m. until noon in the second floor private dining room of McCormick & Schmick's. There will be a reception the night before at the

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber starting at 5:30 p.m. and board members are welcome to attend. She also invited board members to attend the COMTO meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at the Parsons Brinckerhoff office on Elm Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**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 . . .". Ms. Burke seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

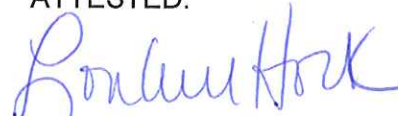
Mr. Reed made a motion that the Board return to regular session, and Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
Suzanne Burke  
Vice Chair

ATTESTED:

  
Lou Ann Hock  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer