

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Special Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2012, 9:00 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Mt. Adams Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1200
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Suzanne Burke; Todd Cooper; Jason Dunn; Margaret Gutsell;
Tom Hodges; Ken Reed; Sean Rugless; Karl Schultz; Lamont Taylor;
Joe Zimmer

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Gregg Hothem; Jim Tarbell

STAFF MEMBERS: Terry Garcia Crews; Perriann Allen; Bill Desmond; Darryl Haley;
Sallie Hilvers; Mary Moning; Mike Ongkiko

OTHERS: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rugless, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the special meeting to discuss changes to the SORTA Board of Trustees.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

There were none.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Mr. Rugless updated the Board on the recent City of Cincinnati SORTA Board appointments confirmed at the City Council meeting on April 25th. SORTA Board member Jason Riveiro resigned from the board effective April 11th and Brad Thomas was appointed to fill his unexpired term. Mr. Rugless, Mr. Tarbell and Dr. Gutsell were not reappointed to the board and were replaced by Frank Bowen, Dean of Students at the University of Cincinnati, William J. Mallory, Sr., and Gwen Robinson, President & CEO of the Community Action Agency. Union representative Joe Zimmer, who represents organized labor, was reappointed.

The Board members resolved to continue on with the strategic plan and their support for regional transit, and reiterated their support for Ms. Garcia Crews and Metro's staff.

It was determined that the Board will meet on Tuesday, May 1, to appoint an interim Chair and Vice-Chair. The Governance & Nominating Committee will then meet on May 9th to appoint a permanent Chair and Vice-Chair who will serve until the regular election in January 2013.

Mr. Rugless stated he felt that the work he did on the SORTA Board was some of the most important work he has done in his life. Dr. Gutsell stated how much she enjoyed working with the Board and Metro staff.

Ms. Garcia Crews thanked Mr. Rugless and Dr. Gutsell for their efforts, acknowledging how much was asked of them during their terms as chair and vice-chair, respectively.

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. Reed seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion and went into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board return to regular session, and Mr. Reed seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

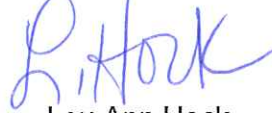
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED:



J. Thomas Hodges
Chair

ATTESTED:



Lou Ann Hock
Secretary-Treasurer