

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Minette Cooper; Margaret Gutsell; Gregg Hothem; Ed Humphrey;
Christine Matacic; Melody Sawyer Richardson; Doug Sizemore; Jim Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: William L. Mallory, Sr.; Sean Rugless; Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Marilyn Shazor, Bill Desmond, Darryl Haley, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Moning,
Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, Colin Groth, Tim Harrington, Mike Restle,
Tim Reynolds, Carole Senior, Bill Spraul

OTHERS: Sharon Anderson, ATU-627; Mark Bennett, ATU-627; Tom Hock, PTM, Ltd; Caroline
Miller, League of Women Voters; Troy Miller, ATU-627; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater
Seymour & Pease; Erik Topham, City of Cincinnati

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Richardson, Chair of the Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mrs. Richardson asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the board. Caroline Miller of the League of Women Voters complimented Metro's hybrid buses and said she looks forward to seeing the articulated buses on the street. Mark Bennett, president of ATU Local 627, expressed disappointment that city council members questioned him at the city's Finance Committee meeting on November 16 regarding the lack of union concessions in the light of Metro's 2010 budget shortfall. Troy Miller, ATU-627, expressed concern regarding the implementation of the DERG grant and Metro employees getting certified to perform the work covered by the grant. The Union and the board agreed to discuss their concerns during the executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tarbell moved that the minutes of the October 13, 2009, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM

Mr. Desmond introduced Kim Gaffey, Transportation Safety Specialist, and Judy Martin, Industrial Safety Specialist. Mr. Gaffey is responsible for investigating bus accidents to determine whether they were preventable or not, oversees various transportation safety programs and performs accident trend analysis. Ms. Martin is responsible for Metro's self-insured workers' compensation program and for industrial safety such as OSHA compliance in the maintenance areas. She is retiring at the end of this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**JOINT OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tarbell presented the action items from the combined meeting of the Operations and Management and the Planning and Development committees.

1. Proposed Resolution No. 2009-42: Amendment of Bylaws

Ms. Matacic moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution amends the SORTA bylaws to reflect changes to the number of days the board must be notified of proposed changes to the bylaws and eliminates the Board Coordinating Committee and all language relating to same.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-42.

2. Proposed Resolution No. 2009-43: Approval of Contract for Rodent & Pest Control

Ms. Matacic moved for adoption and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. This resolution approves a two-year contract (one year with an option for an additional year) to Valley Pest Control LLC for a total cost not to exceed \$122,760.00.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-43.

3. Proposed Resolution No. 2009-45: Approval of Contract for Radio Service

Mr. Humphrey moved for adoption and Ms. Matacic seconded the motion. This resolution approves a two-year contract (one year with an option for an additional year) with Black Bear Radio for a total cost not to exceed \$135,350.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-45.

4. Proposed Resolution No. 2009-46: Approval of Contract for On-Board Video Monitoring System

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the Director of Risk Management/Legal Affairs to execute purchase orders for the purchase of on-board video monitoring systems for new and existing buses for a total cost not to exceed \$2,108,260. The monitoring systems will be purchased as funding becomes available.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-46.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Mr. Hothem presented the Strategic Planning Committee report. The group is continuing to meet monthly and spent time at the last meeting looking at background information and discussed community outreach. Mrs. Richardson, chair of the SORTA Board, appointed board member Christine Matacic to the committee to replace Doug Sizemore and Ms. Matacic has agreed. The committee's goal remains to have a strategic plan in place to present to the full SORTA board by mid-2010.

CEO'S REPORT

Ms. Shazor reported on her appearance before the City of Cincinnati's Finance Committee on Monday, November 16th. She thanked Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Mallory for being there with her, and also Mr. Bennett, Mr. Miller and all Metro staff who attended for their support. The proposed fare increase and service reduction will be voted on at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 18th.

Mr. Groth provided a post-election report regarding national trends in transportation ballot initiatives and their success rates since the year 2000.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Richardson appointed Dr. Gutsell as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Ms. Maticic reported that she is appointed to the Ohio Department of Transportation's "Futures" steering committee.

Mrs. Richardson appointed a committee to address ATU-627's concerns regarding the DERG grant. Members of the committee are Tom Hock, Mary Moning, Mark Bennett, Joe Routt, Bill Desmond and Troy Miller.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Gutsell made a motion that the Board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) "to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal...or compensation of a public employee or official" and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Humphrey made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the motion and Mrs. Richardson reconvened the Board meeting from executive session at 11:40 a.m.

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

APPROVED:



Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair



Barry E. Frank
Secretary-Treasurer