

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 9:45 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Robert W. Buechner Robert P. Mecklenborg
Steven P. Goodin Melody Sawyer Richardson
Stephan M. Louis Lamont Taylor
William L. Mallory Sr

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michael H. Setzer William J. Desmond
H. Theodore Bergh Mike Borcher
Marilyn G. Shazor Sallie L. Hilvers
Timothy J. Reynolds Carole E. Senior
Richard L. Moore Donna M. Adkins
(Legal Counsel)

OTHERS

PRESENT: Chris Moran, League of Women Voters
Carolyn Miller, League of Women Voters

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lamont Taylor, Chairman of the SORTA Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

HEARINGS FROM

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

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: Mr. Mallory made a motion that the minutes of the December 12, 2006 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM: Mr. Setzer introduced Mike Borcher, Claims Agent and Bill Desmond, Director of Risk Management and Legal Affairs. Mr. Pete Edgar, another Claims Agent was unable to attend the meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Buechner reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of Messrs. Mallory and Buechner nominates Mr. Lamont Taylor for Chairman and Mr. Stephan Louis for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Taylor asked if there were any other nominations; there were none and the nominations were closed. By roll call vote, the Board approved Mr. Taylor as Chairman and Mr. Louis as Vice Chairman.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Taylor stated the Committee met jointly with the Planning and Development Committee.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Louis stated the Committees met and have the following items to present to the Board:

Proposed Resolution No. 2007-01, Approval of Contract for the Purchase of Bus Batteries

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of bus batteries from Taylor & Summerville at a total estimated cost of \$68,116 for three years.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-01.

Proposed Resolution No. 2007-02, Approval of Contract for Miscellaneous Bus Parts

Mr. Louis moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. Mr. Louis explained that this resolution authorizes the purchase of miscellaneous bus parts from Kenworth of Cincinnati at a total estimated cost of \$307,387 for one year.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-02.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Setzer presented the Planning and Development Committee discussion item, "Board Planning Process." He explained the background and proposed process to the Board. After discussions the Board agreed to the planning process and asked that Ms. Gutsell and Ms. Qualls be invited to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Taylor appointed Mr. Buechner as Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee and stated that he will ask Ms. Qualls to Chair the Operations and Management Committee once her appointment is complete. He asked Trustees to choose a Committee and advise staff of their choice.

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday February 13, 2007, 9:30 a.m., SORTA/Metro Board Room, 1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Taylor made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Lamont Taylor
Chairperson

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer