

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 9:35 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Robert W. Buechner; Margaret C. Gutsell; Stephan M. Louis;
William L. Mallory, Sr.; Melody Sawyer Richardson; James R. Tarbell

STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT: Michael H. Setzer, H. Theodore Bergh, Marilyn G. Shazor,
William Desmond, Tim Reynolds, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen,
Lisa Aulick, John Davis, Tom Gaitskill, Colin Groth, Carla Hunter,
Mary Moning, Sean O'Leary, Mike Restle, Carole Senior

OTHERS
PRESENT: Mark Bennett, ATU; David Braun, First Transit; Chad Hockman, MV
Transportation; Rob Langenderfer; Ed Lenihan; Carolyn Miller, League of
Women Voters; Richard Moore; Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Keith
Whalen, MV Transportation

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. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Louis made a motion that the minutes of the December 11, 2007, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM

Mr. Setzer introduced Sean O'Leary, Manager of the Radio Control Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ms. Shazor presented the bid process used to determine the new contract for Access service. Mr. Setzer reiterated that due to a possible conflict of interest, he recused himself from the entire bidding process. The MV Transportation bid was recommended by staff as the most advantageous to SORTA, price and other factors considered.

Following Ms. Shazor's presentation, Planning and Development Committee Chair Mr. Buechner stated that a combined meeting of the Operations and Management and the Planning and Development committees met immediately before the board meeting. The following items from the combined committee were presented to the Board:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-01: Approval of Contract for Access Service

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution awards the contract for Access service to MV Transportation for five years (with the option of renewing the contract for five one-year extensions) beginning on March 1, 2008. The resolution further authorizes the CEO/General Manager or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute the contract on behalf of SORTA.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-01.

2. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-02: Appointment of Benjamin Gettler as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-02.

3. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-03: Appointment of Steven P. Goodin as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-03.

4. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-04: Appointment of Robert L. Harris as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-04.

5. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-05: Appointment of Thomas A. Luken. as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Tarbell seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-05.

6. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-06: Appointment of Robert P. Mecklenborg as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-06.

7. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-07: Appointment of Daniel S. Peters as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-07.

8. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-08: Appointment of Roxanne Qualls as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buecher moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-08.

9. Proposed Resolution No. 2008-09: Appointment of Timothy R. Williams as a Royal Coachman

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2008-09.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Setzer reported that union negotiations were ongoing with the hope that an agreement would be reached by the end of January. However, it is possible a state fact finder could be called in before the contract expires to settle an impasse.

Mr. Setzer also announced that SORTA has received the Ohio Auditor of State award for "Making Your Tax Dollars Count" for excellence in financial reporting. The plaque states, among other accolades, that SORTA is "a trustworthy guardian of taxpayer dollars and deserve[s] the highest amount of recognition for your vigilance" and that SORTA is "truly a model for government entities throughout the state of Ohio."

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Richardson congratulated Mr. Mallory on being named a Great Living Cincinnatian by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and decreed (perhaps tongue-in-cheek) that he should hereafter be referred to as "His Eminence."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Gutsell reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of herself, Messrs. Tarbell and Taylor nominates Mrs. Melody Sawyer Richardson for Chair and Mr. William L. Mallory, Sr. for Vice Chair.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there were any other nominations; there were none and the nominations were closed. By separate roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Richardson as Chair and Mr. Mallory as Vice Chair.

Dr. Gutsell also made a motion on behalf of the Nominating Committee to appoint Mr. Louis to remain as SORTA's representative on the OKI Board of Directors. Mr. Tarbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Because the board is still short two members, it was decided that the board would continue to hold joint Planning and Development and Operations and Management committee meetings immediately preceding the board meetings. Mrs. Richardson appointed Mr. Buechner as the chair for the joint committee. The start time for the joint committee meeting was moved from 8:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. The board will revisit the possibility have holding separate committee meetings at such time as the board has a full complement of nine board members.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer