

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 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; William L. Mallory, Sr.;
Christine Maticic; Melody Sawyer Richardson; Sean Rugless; Doug
Sizemore; Jim Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Ed Humphrey; Lamont Taylor

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

OTHERS: Mark Bennett, ATU-627; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease;
Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Carolyn Miller, League of Women
Voters; Tom Hock, Veolia Transportation; Will Scott, Veolia Transportation;
Troy Miller, ATU-627

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. Mr. Bennett, president of ATU Local 627, provided the Board members with a packet of information. He is concerned about the DERG grant, management staff positions, travel costs, and grievances. The Board asked that Ms. Shazor be provided the packet of information and that in the future, it would be preferable for Ms. Shazor to receive this information prior to presentation at a meeting to allow time for her to prepare a response. Mr. Sizemore asked about the progress on forming the labor/management committee. Mr. Desmond responded that he is awaiting information from Mr. Bennett and will then prepare a list of the areas, members and parameters for the committee. Mr. Hothem asked that staff provide a list of the approved positions for 2004 through 2009 in the management/administration areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tarbell moved that the minutes of the December 15, 2009 regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM

Ms. Moning introduced Maurice Kimball, a coach operator based at the Bond Hill facility. While sitting at a red light, Mr. Kimball jumped off his coach to stop the car of a lady who was having a seizure. For his bravery, he was awarded the CEO Coin of Excellence from Metro CEO Marilyn Shazor. The Board applauded Mr. Kimball and thanked him for his bravery and heroic actions.

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. 2010-01: Approval of Contract to Purchase Bus Batteries

Mr. Tarbell moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution approves a three-year contract with Battery Men, Inc. for bus batteries at a total cost not to exceed \$235,698.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-01.

2. Proposed Resolution No. 2010-02: Authorization to Release Legal Notices and to Hold Public Hearings to Receive Public Comment for BCRTA and/or Clermont Services

Mr. Mallory moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes legal notices and public hearings for Butler and Clermont County services, if those counties choose service adjustments or fare increases to pay for their service costs.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-02, with Ms. Maticic abstaining.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Hothem, chair of the committee, reported that the committee is on track to present a strategic plan to the board in the near future. He reiterated that all board members are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held on the third Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Gutsell, chair of the committee, stated that the Nominating Committee, consisting of herself, Mr. Mallory and Mr. Tarbell nominates Mrs. Richardson as Chair and Mr. Mallory as Vice Chair. Mr. Tarbell moved to accept the nominations and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the motion. The Board congratulated the officers and thanked them for their services.

CEO'S REPORT

Mr. Groth provided the board with a legislative update for 2009, highlighting the ARRA transportation programs, appropriations in fiscal year 2010, climate change legislation, livable communities, surface transportation authorization act, and homeland security.

Ms. Hilvers provided an overview of "Public Transportation Takes Us There," a national campaign created by APTA to encourage the use of public transit. The national message is based on the four principles of how transit can impact the economy, environment, energy, and quality of life. Ms. Hilvers explained that these messages will be customized for Metro and presented at future meetings, along with additional details, including opportunities for Board involvement and participation.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to address.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Cooper 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 Mr. Hothem seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 10:45 a.m.

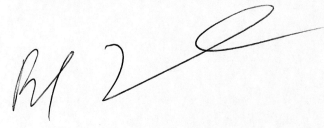
It was properly moved and seconded that the Board return to regular session. The Board unanimously approved the motion and returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair



Barry E. Frank
Secretary-Treasurer