

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 9:31 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1100
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Marilyn G. Shazor, H. Theodore Bergh, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers,
Mary Moning, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, Yvonne Farris, Colin Groth,
Mike Restle, Tim Reynolds, Joe Routt, Carole Senior

OTHERS:

Sharon Anderson, ATU-Local 629; Troy Hoskins, ATU-Local 629; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Caroline Miller; League of Women Voters; Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Peggy Sandman, City of Cincinnati; Mike Setzer, Veolia 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.

MEET THE TEAM

Ms. Moning introduced and welcomed Joe Routt, the new Director of Fleet and Facilities.
Ms. Shazor introduced Anthony Johnson and Michael Shaw, who were each presented with the CEO Coin of Excellence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Planning and Development Committee Chair Robert W. Buechner presented the action items from the combined meeting of the Operations and Management and the Planning and Development committees. The following items from the combined committee were presented to the Board:

1. Proposed Resolution 2009-07: Approval for Bus Repair

Mr. Louis moved for adoption and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into contracts for paint and body shop services with the approved contractors for the period of February 2009 through January 2010 with the proposer that best fits SORTA's needs at the time the services are required. This resolution also authorizes the repair cost of coach 6023 which was severely damaged in an accident. The repair cost is not to exceed \$173,000 plus 20%.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-07.

2. Proposed Resolution 2009-08: Approval of Public Participation Process

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the revised public participation process which meets current Federal Transit Administration requirements and includes provisions for Spanish language translation of public meeting materials and Spanish language interpretation on request at public meetings. The revision is effective February 2009.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-08.

CEO'S REPORT

There was no CEO's report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

A strategic planning meeting for board members and senior staff has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, from 4-8 p.m. in the SORTA board room. Ms. Allen will contact all board members to confirm the date.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the board meeting at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer