

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, March 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; Sean Rugless;
James Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: H. Theodore Bergh, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Moning,
Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, Yvonne Farris, Vicki Fink, Mike Restle,
Tim Reynolds, Carole Senior

OTHERS:

Lea Eriksen, City of Cincinnati; Troy Miller, ATU-Local 627; Caroline Miller,
League of Women Voters; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease;
Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Mike Setzer, Veolia Transportation;
Wendy Zhang, 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. There were none.

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 2009-09: Approval of Clermont Co. Reciprocal Transfer Agreement

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution recommends that following a six-month pilot that began in September, the Clermont County Reciprocal Transfer Program be made permanent. Under the program, a passenger transferring between the two transit systems pays the regular fare plus any transfer charges on the originating transit system and pays half-fare when transferring onto the other transit system.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-09.

Issues Committee Chair Sean Rugless presented the following action items from the committee meeting on February 18th:

2. Proposed Resolution 2009-10: Authorization for Bond Underwriting Services

Mr. Rugless moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution accepts the proposal of PNC Capital Markets (PNCCM) for Senior Managing Underwriter in connection with the bus and capital financing program. The board found the PNC proposal to be the proposal from a responsible proposer that is most advantageous to SORTA after considering price and other factors, and authorized the CEO or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to retain PNCCM in such capacity with terms and conditions to be determined and authorized at a later date.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-10.

3. Proposed Resolution 2009-11: Declaration of Official Intent with Respect to Reimbursement of Temporary Advances Made for Capital Expenditures to be Made from Subsequent Borrowings

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Mr. Rugless seconded the motion. This resolution declares (in the event that said borrowings occur) intent for reimbursement of advances for capital expenditures from subsequent borrowings which would include capital items in the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 capital plans, projects listed but not purchased in past capital plans and specific capital assets approved by the Metro board in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 but not yet purchased.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-11.

CEO'S REPORT

In the absence of Ms. Shazor, who was out of town on business, Ms. Allen reported on the Transit Board Member and Board Support Seminar that will be held in Cincinnati July 18-21. Metro staff is assisting the American Public Transportation Association with planning and arranged for several evening events for the seminar attendees and their spouses/guests to enjoy, such as a Cincinnati Reds baseball game, dinner at the Freedom Center and a B&B Riverboat Cruise. Metro staff will continue to assist APTA with planning on registration, tours, keynote speaker, Metro-related seminars and other event logistics.

Mr. Bergh updated the board on the stimulus funds, the 2010 appropriations request and the authorization bill.

Ms. Senior, Cincinnati chapter president of the Conference of Minority Transit Officials, informed the board about the chapter's scholarship dinner at The Phoenix on April 30th. Bob McDonald, COO of Procter & Gamble, is the keynote speaker. Ms. Senior encouraged board members to support the event by buying tickets and telling friends/colleagues about the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Richardson announced the members of the 2009 board committees, with the caveat that as new board members are appointed by the city and the county, the committees could change. Committees for 2009 are as follows:

Audit Committee: Stephan Louis, Bob Buechner, Peg Gutsell

APTA Conference Committee: Melody Sawyer Richardson, Sean Rugless, Marilyn Shazor, Lamont Taylor

Compensation Committee: William Mallory, Sr. (chair); Bob Buechner; Minette Cooper; Peg Gutsell; Melody Sawyer Richardson

Issues Committee: Sean Rugless (chair); Bob Buechner; Minette Cooper; William Mallory, Sr.; Melody Sawyer Richardson; Jim Tarbell

Nominating Committee: Peg Gutsell (chair); William Mallory, Sr.; Jim Tarbell

OKI Board and Executive Committee Rep.: Stephan Louis (Marilyn Shazor, alternate)

Operations & Management/Planning & Development Committee: Jim Tarbell (chair); Bob Buechner; Peg Gutsell; Stephan Louis; William Mallory, Sr.; Sean Rugless

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the board meeting at 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer