

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 9:50 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Minette Cooper; Margaret Gutsell; J. Thomas Hodges; Gregg Hothem;
William L. Mallory, Sr.; Christine Maticic; Sean Rugless; Karl B. Schultz;
Jim Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Melody Sawyer Richardson; Doug Sizemore; Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Marilyn Shazor, Bill Desmond, Barry Frank, Darryl Haley, Sallie Hilvers,
Donna Adkins, Colin Groth, Bill Spraul, Mike Restle, Deb Drayton, Carole
Senior, Perri Allen, Jill Dunne, Lisa Aulick, Joe Routt, Paula Losekamp

OTHERS: Mark A. Bennett, ATU-627; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease;
Tom Hock, Veolia Transportation; Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont County;
Joe Curry, Everybody Rides Metro

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mallory, Vice Chair of the Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Mallory asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the board; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Maticic made a motion the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting be approved and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board approved the minutes.

Public Transportation Takes Us There Presentation

Ms. Hilvers presented information on the environmental portion of the campaign, which is focused on the environmental advantages of transit. She reviewed the progress made to date on making Metro "green", including purchasing hybrid and articulated buses, the first green transit hub, and various "behind the scene" initiatives taking place. Ms. Hilvers invited the Board to participate in the Earth Day event being held at Sawyer Point, along with events at the Cincinnati Zoo on April 22 and April 24. The Board thanked Ms. Hilvers for the presentation.

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. 2010-05: Appointment of Edwin H. Humphrey as a Royal Coachman**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. This resolution appoints Mr. Humphrey as a Royal Coachman in appreciation of his service to the community.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-05 and presented the award to Mr. Humphrey.

2. **Proposed Resolution No. 2010-06: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority and Everybody Rides Metro**

Mr. Tarbell moved for adoption and Mr. Rugless seconded the motion. This resolution approves the amended Memorandum of Understanding between SORTA and ERM.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-06, with Mr. Schultz abstaining.

3. **Proposed Resolution No. 2010-07: Approval of Parkside Christian Church Park-and Ride**

Ms. Maticic moved for adoption and Mr. Rugless seconded the motion. This resolution approves the contract with Parkside Christian Church to lease up to 130 parking spaces. Funds are in an approved federal grant.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-07, with Mr. Schultz abstaining.

4. **Proposed Resolution No. 2010-08: Approval of Agreement with Duke Energy for the Route 85 Riverfront Parking Shuttle**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. This resolution approves the agreement with Duke Energy for the shuttle service for Duke employees parking on Mehring Way.

By roll call vote the Board approved Resolution No. 2010-08, with Mr. Schultz abstaining.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Hothem, chair of the committee, stated that the Committee met in March with Linda Gravett facilitating. The Committee is working on accumulating input, the Chamber of Commerce listening tour scheduled for June 11, and a regional transportation summit.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Gutsell, chair of the committee, stated that the Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. to review the results of the recent risk assessment update and the proposed 2010-2011 audit schedule.

CEO'S REPORT

Ms. Shazor stated that the industry benchmarks had been updated in the Board's books. She also informed the Board that a new list of Committees and meeting dates has been provided in their Board books and that Mr. Schultz would be added as soon as he and Mrs. Richardson confirmed his committee appointments.

Mr. Groth provided a legislative update. A copy of a letter from Congress member Schmidt advising of the ban on earmarks for fiscal year 2011 was provided to the Board, along with an appropriations request to Congressman Driehaus for the University Hub project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mallory asked if anyone had any new business. Mr. Tarbell asked staff to provide the mileage of all routes. He stated that in the 1800's Cincinnati had more miles accessible by public transit than any city in America.

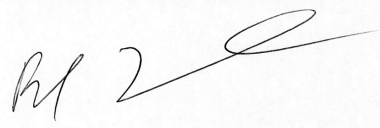
The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 9:30 a.m., in the SORTA/Metro Board Room, 602 Main Street, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair



Barry E. Frank
Secretary-Treasurer