

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
The SORTA/Metro Board Room
602 Main Street, Suite 1100
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Minette Cooper; Gregg Hothem; Ed Humphrey; Stephan Louis;
William L. Mallory, Sr.; Christine Maticic; Sean Rugless; James Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Margaret C. Gutsell, Melody Sawyer Richardson, Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Theodore Bergh, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Moning, Donna Adkins,
Perriann Allen, Terri Andrews, Lisa Aulick, Jaya Bathmaraj, Matt Bennett,
Daron Brown, Elizabeth Coyle, John Davis, Colin Groth, Mike Restle, Tim
Reynolds, Joe Routt, Carole Senior, Bill Spraul, Eric Stephens

OTHERS: Mark Bennett, ATU-Local 627; Tom Hock, Professional Transit Management;
Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Chris Moran, League of
Women Voters; Mike Setzer, Veolia Transportation; Doug Sizemore,
AFL-CIO Cincinnati; Wendy Zhang, City of Cincinnati

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

Mr. Louis moved that the minutes of the April 14, 2009, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

MEET THE TEAM

Ms. Hilvers introduced Elizabeth Coyle, Leave Administrator, and Terri Andrews, Call Center Order Processor. Mr. Bergh introduced Jaya Bathmaraj, Ridership Data Analyst, and Eric Stephens, Systems Administrator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Planning and Development Committee Chair James R. Tarbell 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 Motion: Approval of SORTA Vision and Mission Statement

Mr. Humphrey moved for adoption and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. This motion approves the revised SORTA vision and mission statements that were discussed at the board strategic planning meeting on April 8, 2009.

By voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion.

2. Proposed Resolution 2009-18: Approval for Fleetwatch System Replacement

Mr. Louis moved for adoption and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of Fleetwatch JX-55 System from S&A systems at a total cost not to exceed \$351,310.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-20.

3. Proposed Resolution 2009-19: Approval of Lease for Colerain Towne Center Layover

Ms. Maticic moved for adoption and Mr. Tarbell seconded the motion. This resolution approves a five-year lease with KIMCO at a total cost not to exceed \$215,000.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-19.

4. Proposed Resolution 2009-20: Appointment of Directors to Everybody Rides Metro Board

Ms. Maticic moved for adoption and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. This resolution appoints Margaret Gutsell, Edwin Humphrey and William Mallory, Sr. to the Everybody Rides Metro board of directors. Terms are as follows: Dr. Gutsell, June 30, 2010; Mr. Humphrey June 30, 2011; Mr. Mallory, June 30, 2012.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-20.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Louis reviewed the "Changes in Transit Ridership by Agency" report included in the board binders. He reported that while most transit agencies' ridership has increased, Metro's ridership has decreased. He asked that the board and staff to consider Metro's declining ridership in light of the current economic downturn.

Mr. Louis also asked about the status of the CEO/PTM contract, which expires on June 30, 2009. Mr. Humphrey reported that the compensation committee is working on the contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Humphrey made a motion that the board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) for conferences with an attorney concerning pending or imminent court action and as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.11 (G)(4) for the purpose of preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Louis made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the motion and the board reconvened the board meeting from executive session at 10:30 a.m.

5. Proposed Motion: Ratification of Changes to Memorandum of Agreement between SORTA and ATU Local 627

Mr. Hothem moved for adoption and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. This motion approves the agreement between SORTA and ATU Local 627 that allows for the Fare Systems Technicians to become members of the union.

Mr. Mallory adjourned the board meeting at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

William L. Mallory, Sr.
Vice-Chair

H. Theodore Bergh
Secretary-Treasurer