

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 9:35 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; Christine Matacic; Melody Sawyer Richardson; Sean Rugless; Doug Sizemore; James Tarbell

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Margaret C. Gutsell; William L. Mallory, Sr.; Lamont Taylor

STAFF MEMBERS: Marilyn Shazor, Bill Desmond, Sallie Hilvers, Mary Moning, Donna Adkins, Perriann Allen, Matt Bennett, Eunice Brown, Nancy Core, John Davis, Barry Frank, Butch Gaut, Colin Groth, Ted Meyer, Lisa Partridge, Mike Restle, Tim Reynolds, Carole Senior, Bill Spraul, Eric Stephens

OTHERS: Stephanie Goldman; Barry Horstman, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Bill Millar, APTA; Caroline Miller, League of Women Voters; Richard Moore, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease; Chris Moran, League of Women Voters; Beverly Scott, MARTA; Mike Setzer, Veolia Transportation; Erik Topham, City of Cincinnati; 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Louis moved that the minutes of the June 16, 2009, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Ms. Matacic seconded the motion. By voice vote, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

Bill Millar, president of APTA, and Dr. Beverly Scott, general manager of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, spoke to the Board regarding TransitVision 2050. They also discussed a myriad of topics including Metro's strategic planning process, national transportation trends, public transportation challenges and others. Their advice and encouragement were much appreciated by SORTA's Board of Trustees.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS

Stephanie Goldman presented the Board with a detailed report on the Metro service for her route for the past several years and suggested ways in which to improve the bus service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

As time was growing short, Mrs. Richardson asked that the board go immediately into executive session as several Board members needed to leave to attend other obligations.

Mr. Tarbell made a motion that the Board go into executive session as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) for conferences concerning personnel and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 10:45 a.m.

Ms. Maticic made a motion that the Board return to regular session and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the motion and the Board reconvened the Board meeting from executive session at 11:30 a.m.

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 Resolution No. 2009-25: Approval of Contract for Passenger Count

Ms. Maticic moved for adoption and Mr. Louis seconded the motion. This resolution awards the contract for passenger count to Urban Transportation Associates (UTA) at a total cost not to exceed \$170,000 with the caveat that Metro will receive the data in time for it to be relevant for the 2010 budget planning process. The count will begin in August 2009 when school is back in session.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-25.

2. Proposed Resolution 2009-26: Approval of Contract to Print Bus Schedules

Mr. Humphrey moved for adoption and Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. This resolution awards a two-year contract (one-year contract with an optional second year) to print bus schedules to KPB Printing at a total cost for both years of \$302,504.95.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-26.

Due to the lateness of the hour, there was no new business or CEO's report.

Mrs. Richardson adjourned the Board meeting at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Sawyer Richardson
Chair