

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF: Regular Meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees

DATE: Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 9:30 a.m.  
The SORTA/Metro Board Room  
1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000  
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Robert W. Buechner  
Steven P. Goodin  
Margaret C. Gutsell  
Stephan M. Louis  
William L. Mallory, Sr.  
Roxanne Qualls  
Melody Sawyer Richardson

STAFF MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michael H. Setzer  
H. Theodore Bergh  
Marilyn Shazor  
Sallie L. Hilvers  
Timothy J. Reynolds  
Richard L. Moore  
(Legal Counsel)  
William J. Desmond  
David M. Warning  
Colin R. Groth  
Donna M. Adkins  
Carole E. Senior  
Perriann T. Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Davis  
Troy Hoskins  
Sharon Anderson, ATU Local 627  
Mark Bennett, ATU Local 627  
Chris Moran, League of Women Voters  
Reggie Victor, City of Cincinnati

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Louis, Vice-Chairperson of the SORTA Board, noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

HEARINGS FROM CITIZENS: Mr. Louis asked if there were any citizens who would like to address the board. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Buechner made a motion that the minutes of the May 8, 2007, regular meeting be approved as previously mailed and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Qualls stated that the Committee met and has the following items to be presented to the Board:

**1. Proposed Resolution No. 2007-26: Approval to Purchase Replacement Paratransit Vehicles**

Mr. Buechner moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This resolution approves the purchase of up to six (6) lift-equipped paratransit vehicles for ACCESS through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizes and directs the CEO/General Manager or the

CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute a purchase order with Whitworth Bus Sales Inc. at a total cost not to exceed \$407,700.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2007-26.

**2. Proposed Motion: Riverfest and Oktoberfest Fares for 2007**

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Dr. Gutsell seconded the motion. This motion approved special bus fares for the Riverfest service of \$5 round trip and Oktoberfest service of \$5 round trip and \$3 one way return trip to help with safety and parking issues in the City of Cincinnati.

By voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Buechner stated that the Committee met and has the following item to be presented to the Board:

**3. Proposed Resolution No. 2007-27: Approval of Contract For Banking Services**

Ms. Qualls moved for adoption and Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion. This resolution approves SORTA accepting the proposal of Huntington Bank as the best proposal, cost and other factors considered, and awards Huntington Bank a contract for banking and coin and currency counting services.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007-27.

**4. Proposed Resolution No. 2007-28: Approval to File Application With The Ohio Department of Transportation For Assistance Under The Ohio Elderly And Disabled Fare Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2008**

Dr. Gutsell moved for adoption and Mr. Buechner seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO/General Manager or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute all contracts and other documents essential for approvals.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007-28.

**5. Proposed Resolution 2007-29: Approval of Agreement With Warren County For Continuation of Service**

Ms. Qualls moved for adoption and Mr. Mallory seconded the motion. This resolution approves the agreement with the Warren County Service funding partners for the continuation of service and authorize the CEO/General Manager or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to execute it on behalf of SORTA in anticipation of securing approval from all the funding partners.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007-29.

**6. Proposed Resolution 2007-30: Approval of Kings Island Service For 2007**

Mrs. Richardson moved for adoption and Ms. Qualls seconded the motion. This resolution authorizes the CEO/General Manager or the CFO/Secretary-Treasurer to finalize and execute an agreement between the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Kings Island and SORTA to fund the continuation of direct bus service for workers to Kings Island for the 2007 park season.

By roll call vote the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007-30.

**7. Proposed Motion: Appointment as Directors of Everybody Rides Metro**

Mr. Mallory moved for adoption and Ms. Qualls seconded the motion. This motion appoints Michael Setzer, Robert Buechner, William Mallory Sr., Lamont Taylor and Margaret Gutsell as Directors of Everybody Rides Metro for one-year terms.

By voice vote the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Setzer recognized Rhonda Davis and Troy Hoskins who were recognized at June's Safety Awards Banquet. Rhonda works in the maintenance storeroom in Queensgate and has gone for 15 consecutive years without a preventable accident or a recordable injury. Troy has been a Bond Hill driver for 15 years and has 10 consecutive years of safe driving. He also announced that Ted Bergh was one of the finalists for the Cincinnati Business Courier's CFO of the Year award and that Ted had received the Leonard P. Ronis Award from OPTA for overall contributions to the transit industry in Ohio.

Mr. Setzer also gave each member of the board a brochure promoting the "Round Town Trolley" and discussed the latest Downtown Cincinnati Inc. survey which indicated that most participants believe that downtown is both safe and clean.

Ms. Qualls would like to see a presentation to the board when the City of Cincinnati's consultant finishes their street car study. Staff will also prepare a presentation to the board at a later date on an expanded trolley bus service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next regular meeting of the SORTA Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 9:30 a.m., SORTA/Metro Board Room, 1014 Vine Street, Suite 2000, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Buechner made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Ms. Qualls seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Robert W. Buechner

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H. Theodore Bergh  
Secretary-Treasurer