

**METRO RTA  
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

**Committee**

**Members Present:** Robert Konstand and John Valle

**Trustees Present:** Chuck Rector, Nicole Squire and Robert DeJournett

**Trustees Excused:** Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, Renee Greene, Gary Spring and Christine Marshall

**Trustees Absent:** Donald Christian and David Prentice

**METRO Team**

**Members Present:** Dawn Distler, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Eric Scott, DeHavilland McCall, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker, Jessie Dent, Regina Mills, Laura Adkins, Grace Doyle, Nathan Leppo, Jamie Saylor, and Kyle Moeglin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bob Konstand called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING**

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting.

Mr. Chuck Rector 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Discussion Items | Jessie Dent**

Dashboard was reviewed and agenda items were discussed.

Mr. Robert DeJournett inquired about the decline in sales tax.

Mr. Bob Konstand noted that sales tax is down \$1.8 million year to date. However, expenses were budgeted at \$41.6 million, with actual expenses at \$34.2 million, more than covers the deficit with the sales tax. The deficit is largely attributed to computer glitches with the car dealerships, but there is hope that with interest rates coming down, car sales will pick up again.

Ms. Nicole Squire inquired why the federal and state grants were significantly higher than budgeted. She expressed curiosity about the factors.

Ms. Angie Neeley explained that federal grants are typically budgeted for October, concurrent with the state federal fiscal year, and the first drawdown will occur by the end of September, with multiple drawdowns throughout the year. Mr. Bob Konstand noted that these grants are for specific capital expenditures.

Ms. Angie Neeley added that some state grants do support operating costs, including maintenance. Ms. Dawn Distler mentioned one of the things we've been assessing with the FTA about the potential for grant money to be used for operating expenses as well. Mr. Bob Konstand raised concerns about a possible government shutdown and its potential effect on ridership Ms. Dawn Distler expressed that she does not believe it would impact our ridership.

## **RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

No resolutions for consideration.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

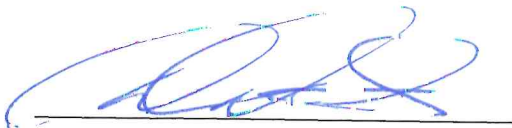
### **Budget Process | Angie Neeley**

Handouts were provided to the Board outlining the current status of the budget process. Year-to-date information was sent to each department to help them understand their standings. The goal is to project what will happen for the remainder of the year, taking into account any changes since the beginning of the year. Departments are encouraged to identify what they need to achieve their goals and align with the strategic plan.

The next step involves gathering feedback and drafting the budget by department. Once this draft is complete, it will be circulated for revisions before a meeting with Dawn. Once Dawn is comfortable with it, Mr. Bob Konstand will review it. Then it will be presented to the Finance and Technology Committee, typically in October or November. It was noted that for some, this may be their first experience with the process involving not just department heads but their entire teams.

## **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:29 am.



**DAWN S. DISTLER,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/  
SECRETARY-TREASURER**

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Date (MM/DD/YYYY)