

**METRO RTA
ANNUAL & MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 9:00 AM**

Trustees Present: Dana LaGarde, Renee Greene, Gary Spring, John Valle
Robert DeJournett, Christine Marshall, Chuck Rector
and Robert Konstand

Trustees Excused: Mark Derrig

Trustees Absent: Donald Christian and David Prentice

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Lauren Zidones, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire,
Angela Neeley, Tatia Harris, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker,
Eric Scott, Laura Adkins, Grace Doyle, Nathan Leppo, Bambi Miller
DeHavilland, Jamie Saylor

Guests Present: Apostlett Prophetess

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dana LaGarde called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Apostlett Prophetess spoke for 5 minutes.

RECOGNITION

BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Chuck Rector made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting.
The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: John Valle

The Committee met on May 16th and KPIs were reviewed. There are two resolutions recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2024-08 A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for Procurement and Installation of Two (2) Compressed Natural Gas Compressors.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. All present voted “aye”.
The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-09: A resolution authorizing the second of three Guaranteed Maximum Price contracts for the construction of the Maintenance and Operations Facility.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. All present voted “aye”.
The resolution was approved.

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Chuck Rector

The Committee met on May 16th and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions recommended by the committee.

SAFETY, EQUITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Dana LaGarde

The Committee met on May 16th and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions recommended by the committee.

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Robert Konstand

The Committee met on May 16th and KPIs were reviewed. There was one resolution recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2024-10: A resolution authorizing a credit card for the Legal and Government Affairs Officer.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Robert Konstand made a motion to approve the resolution. All present voted “aye”. The resolution was approved

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Konstand reminded the Board Members to complete the Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire with the State of Ohio Auditors.

Teamster Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Mr. Robert DeJournett made a motion to accept Teamster’s Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Gary Spring voted “nay” due to unresolved issues regarding spouse health care insurance and understanding the sales tax adjustment.

The remainder present voted “aye”. The motion was approved, 7 - 1

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Board President:

Mr. Robert DeJournett will become the chair for Safety, Equity & Planning Committee.

Mr. Donald Christian will become the chair for Governance Committee.

Mr. Robert DeJournett was impressed with the young planners at the APTA Conference and BRT visit in Vancouver. Our goal is to be the best mid-size transit system across the country. Mr. Robert DeJournett encourages Board Members to attend the conferences.

Ms. Renee Greene invited team members to attend Firestone High School and discussed what goes on at METRO RTA. The take away was our youth have no idea what we do. Right now is a good time to re-engage with youth as riders or professionals. Ms. Renee Greene encourage the youth to attend the June Career Fair.

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms. Dawn Distler expressed gratitude to the Board for accepting the Teamster’s Agreement. Molly and Tatia were commended for getting the acting FTA Administrator to be a guest speaker on the Podcast. That really shows how METRO is being looked at on a national level. Special thanks to Tatia for all the hard work on the Rail project. The ridership continues to grow. Thank you to the entire team on the redesign. We will be reaching out again to the community next month for feedback. The Maintenance and Operation facility continues to move forward. Ms. Dawn Distler reiterated the organization’s open door policy. Team members do stop by and share their excitement of being part of the METRO team. Nicole Squire, the new Board Member representing the city of Cuyahoga Falls will be at the next board meeting. Leslie Rashid was introduced as the new Administrative Coordinator and Board Liaison. Appreciation extended to Jodi Barnard for the hard work and smooth transition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

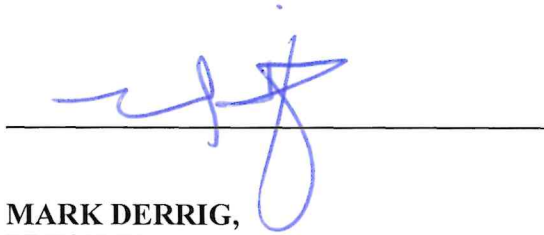
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

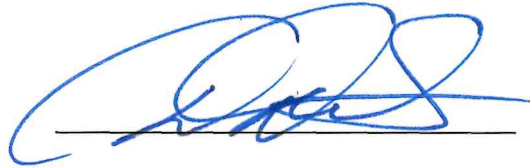
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Section III, Article 3.2 of the Rules & Regulations of the METRO Regional Transit Authority, METRO has complied with the Notice and Notification to the public and news media.

DATE APPROVED: June 25th



**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**



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