METRO RTA
ANNUAL & MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024  9:00AM

Trustees Present: Robert DeJournett, Mark Derrig, Vincent Rubino, Renee Greene, John Valle, Gary Spring, David Prentice, Dana LaGarde, Donald Christian, Robert Konstand

Trustees Excused: Christine Marshall, Chuck Rector

Trustees Absent:

METRO Team Members Present: Dawn Distler, Gert Wilms, Tatia Harris, Angie Neeley, Jamie Saylor, DeHavilland McCall, Jarrod Hampshire Eric Scott, Grace Doyle, Molly Becker, Nykia Walker, Laura Adkins, Shawn Metcalf,

Guests Present: Apostlett Prophetess, Ron Brubaker, Lauren Zidones

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Bob Konstand

The Committee met on March 21st and agenda items were discussed. Mr. John Valle made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Bob Konstand made a motion to appoint Mr. Mark Derrig to president and Ms. Dana LaGarde as Vice President. All present voted yes, the resolution was unanimously approved. Mr. Bob Konstand made a motion to approve a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Robert DeJournett. Mr. Robert DeJournett abstained. The remainder present voted yes. Mr. DeJournett turned the meeting over to President Derrig.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Ms. Apostlett Prophetess spoke for 5 minutes.

RECOGNITION
Mr. NaShaun Lockett was recognized for 25 years of safe driving.
Ms. LaTonya Parker was recognized for 25 years of safe driving.
BOARD MINUTES
Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. Renee Greene abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: John Valle

The Committee met on March 21st and KPIs were reviewed. There was one resolution recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2024-03: A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for project management services related to the Main and Ops 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 (Mr. Dave Prentice Reporting)

The Committee met on March 21st and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions recommended by the committee.

SAFETY, EQUITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Dana LaGarde

The Committee met on March 21st and KPIs were reviewed. There were two resolutions recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2024-04: A resolution authorizing the filing of grant applications with the FTA and ODOT for STY 2025.

The resolution was discussed.

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to approve the resolution. All present voted “aye”. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-05: A resolution authorizing a contract to clear brush and forestry debris from Marion Street SW in Canton up to the North Side Station In Akron
The resolution was discussed.

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to approve the resolution. All present voted “aye”. The resolution passed unanimously.

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Vincent Rubino

The Committee met on March 21st and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions recommended by the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

OFFICERS’ REPORT

Board President:

None

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms. Dawn Distler thanked Robert DeJournett for his work leading the Board of Trustees. Ms. Dawn Distler praised the recent employee recognition initiatives and the effort Mr. Jarrod Hampshire has put into managing the new building project. A question was asked regarding the open planning positions, and it was reported that both the grant specialist position and planning manager had been accepted and the individuals would be starting the first week of April.

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: April 23rd

MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT

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