

METRO RTA

Board Of Trustees

PRESIDENT: MR. MARK DERRIG
VICE PRESIDENT: MS. DANA LAGARDE



JUNE 24, 2025
9:00AM

**METRO RTA
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025
9:00AM**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The METRO RTA Board meets monthly, on the last Tuesday of the month, as stated within Resolution 2016-28, unless otherwise noted. Any individual or representative of a group may take three (3) minutes to address the Board on any given topic on the Board agenda. Individuals are required to appear in person and sign in at least five (5) minutes before the Board meeting begins.

ITEM 3: RECOGNITION

- Sam Walker: 25 Years of Service – Jay Hunter
- METRO RTA: Excellent Support/Service – Jay Hunter
- Officer Deitra Goggins: Diversity on Board, Tatia Harris:
LeadDIVERSITY– Dawn Distler

ITEM 4: BOARD MINUTES

*Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from the May meeting (Pages 4-7).

ITEM 5: COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Customer Experience & Service Performance Committee

(Maintenance / Operations / Mobility Solutions)

Chair: John Valle

Internal & External Engagement Committee

(Employee Engagement Center / Customer Care / PR & Marketing)

Chair: Chuck Rector

Culture & Planning Committee

(Planning & Community Impact)

Chair: Robert DeJournett

Finance & Technology Committee

(Finance & Technology)

Chair: Robert Konstand

Development & Protection

(Safety & Training)

Chair: Renee Greene

*Resolution 2025-12: A resolution authorizing a contract between the Downtown Partnership (DAP) and METRO for the cleaning, provision of safety patrols, and other services along Main Street and Robert K. Pfaff (RKP) (Page 8).

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 7: OFFICER'S REPORTS

- Board President
- Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ORC 121.22 (G)(4) To review negotiations of a bargaining agreement.

ITEM 9: CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

*Denotes items requiring Board approval

Next Scheduled Meeting – July 29, 2025

**METRO RTA
ANNUAL & MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025; 9:00 AM**

Trustees Present: Mark Derrig, Dana LaGarde, Robert DeJournett, John Valle, Chuck Rector, Nicole Squire, Renee Greene, Bob Konstand, Gary Spring, Donald Christian and Christine Marshall

Trustees Excused: Dave Prentice

Trustees Absent:

Roetzel & Address: Lauren Zidones

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angela Neeley, Tatia Harris, Jay Hunter, Shawn Metcalf, Jarrod Hampshire, Eric Scott, Nathan Leppo, Quentin Wyatt, DeHavilland McCall, Molly Becker, Grace Doyle, Kyle Moeglin, Laura Adkins, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, Jake Haddad and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark Derrig called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Ron Brubaker

RECOGNITION:

Duane Roundtree - 25 Years of Service

BOARD MINUTES:

Mr. Donald Christian made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29th meeting.
Ms. Renee Greene 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: John Valle

The Committee met on May 15th and KPIs were reviewed. There were three resolutions recommended by the committee.

RESOLUTION 2025-09:

A resolution authorizing the disposal or transfer of certain assets owned by METRO Regional Transit Authority.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Renee Greene 2nd the motion. All present voted “aye”. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-10:

A resolution authorizing a Change Order to the Construction Manager at Risk Contract.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Christine Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted “aye”. The resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-11:

A resolution authorizing a Change Order for the Construction of the Maintenance and Operations Facility.

Mr. John Valle made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Dana LaGarde 2nd the motion. All present voted “aye”. The resolution was approved.

Mr. Gary Spring expressed initial concerns about rising change orders, which have now occurred. He acknowledged the justifications provided and agreed the project should move forward.

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Chuck Rector

The Committee met on May 15th and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions.

CULTURE & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Robert DeJournett

The Committee met on May 15th and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions.

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Bob Konstand

The Committee met on May 15th; the dashboard was reviewed. There were no resolutions.

PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Renee Greene

The Committee met on May 15th and KPIs were reviewed. There were no resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Board President:

Mr. Mark Derrig thanked everyone for their flexibility and engagement over the past month, especially meeting with Ms. Dawn Distler and Mr. Jarrod Hampshire to discuss major changes. They appreciated the time taken to ask questions and their thoughtful participation in a lengthy committee meeting.

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms. Dawn Distler thanked the Board for their time and flexibility in discussing recent project changes, noting that while some were unexpected, METRO is monitoring everything closely. She commended Mr. Jarrod Hampshire and the Project Manager, Dan Sager, for their strong oversight.

She congratulated Mr. Eric Scott on his promotion to Chief Operations Officer and noted internal promotions, including a new scheduler from Customer Care, which have created new hiring needs.

She gave a legislative update, highlighting METRO's continued advocacy around student transfer policies and praised the coordination efforts with Ms. Gert Wilms. She also recognized the Transit Police for maintaining safety.

She shared highlights from meetings in D.C. with Senators Husted and Moreno, Congresswoman Sykes, and Congresswoman Brown's staff, emphasizing collaboration and support for transit. She commended Congresswoman Sykes for always making time to meet.

Finally, she mentioned a recent visit from Senator Huffman’s local staffer, who toured the new facility and even drove a bus, expressing excitement about the improvements the building will bring to the team.

Mr. Bob Konstand commended Mr. Jarrod Hampshire for his excellent work on the maintenance and facility project, noting the progress from initial design discussions through budget management and overall execution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert DeJournett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Valle 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is June 24th.

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 24th, 2025

**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**

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

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:
PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLUTION 2025-12

A resolution authorizing a contract between the Downtown Akron Partnership (DAP) and METRO for the cleaning, provision of safety patrols, and other services along Main Street and the Robert K. Pfaff (RKP) Transit Center.

WHEREAS METRO is a member of the Downtown Akron Partnership; and

WHEREAS this partnership includes METRO participating with DAP in costs incurred by DAP to perform bus stop cleaning and beautification; power washing; graffiti removal; escorts of METRO customers; safety tours; cleaning of the area along Main Street and the RKP Transit Center; and for providing safety patrols, snow removal, and various initiatives.

WHEREAS, the term of this contract will be for 12 months, July 1st, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the METRO Regional Transit Authority, that:

1. A contract will be awarded to Downtown Akron Partnership in the amount not to exceed \$133,000.
2. The Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to execute all documents related to this resolution.
3. All formal actions of this Board of Trustees related to this Resolution and all deliberations of the Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

DATE ADOPTED: June 24th, 2025

**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**

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