METRO RTA

Board Of Trustees

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

AUGUST 25, 2026
9:00AM

METRO RTA
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
9:00 AM

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: AUDIENCE PARTICPATION

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.

METRO RTA welcomes, values and appreciates the varied opinions and comments from members of the public. To ensure that the meetings are respectful, peaceful and orderly, speakers are reminded to keep their comments respectful and appropriate for METRO RTA business. No personal attacks will be permitted. The President has the authority to rule remarks out of order and remove individuals from the meeting.

ITEM 3: RECOGNITION

ITEM 4: BOARD MINUTES

*Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from the July meeting (Pages 4-8).

ITEM 5: COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Customer Experience & Service Performance Committee
(Maintenance / Operations / Mobility Solutions)
Chair: John Valle
Vice Chair: Christine Marshall

Internal & External Engagement Committee
(Employee Engagement Center / Customer Care / PR & Marketing)
Chair: Chuck Rector
Vice Chair: Dana LaGarde

Culture & Planning Committee
(Planning & Community Impact)
Vice Chair Dave Prentice reporting on behalf of Chair Robert DeJournett

Finance & Technology Committee
(Finance & Technology)
Chair: Bob Konstand
Vice Chair: Nicole Squire

*Resolution 2026-24: A resolution authorizing the establishment of Huntington Bank Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account for the deposit and safeguarding of METRO Regional Transit Authority funds. (Page 9)

Development & Protection Committee
(Safety & Training)
Chair: Renee Greene
Vice Chair: Dana LaGarde

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 7: OFFICER'S REPORTS

- Board President
- Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pursuant to Ohio Revised Coded Section 121.22(G)(1) Public meeting exceptions allow an Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of public employee(s) or official(s).

ITEM 9: CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

*Denotes items requiring Board approval

Next Scheduled Meeting – September 29th, 2026

METRO RTA
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
9:00 AM

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

Trustees Excused: Dave Prentice & Bob Konstand

Trustees Absent:

Roetzel & Andress: Karen Adinolfi

METRO Team Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angie Neeley, Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Jay Hunter, Jarrod Hampshire, Eric Scott, Quentin Wyatt, Jamie Saylor, DeHavilland McCall, Laura Adkins, Shannon Moore, Melissa Barna, Grace Doyle, Kyle Moeglin, Alja Austin, Lane Evans, Brynn Overly-Nguyen and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark Derrig called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

RECOGNITION:

Sonja Kyser: 20 Years of Safe Driving
David Faith: 20 Years of Safe Driving

JUNE BOARD MINUTES:

Ms. Renee Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 30th meeting.

Ms. Dana LaGarde 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: John Valle
Vice Chair: Christine Marshall

The Committee met on July 16th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were two resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2026-19:

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for Procurement and Installation of four (4) CNG Dispensers for METRO’s fueling station.

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 2026-20:

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of Twenty (20), 40 ft. CNG buses from Gillig, LLC.

The resolution was discussed.

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

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Chuck Rector
Vice Chair: Dana LaGarde

The Committee met on July 16th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

CULTURE & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Robert DeJournett
Vice Chair: Dave Prentice

The Committee met on July 16th and KPI’s were reviewed.

There were two resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2026-21:

A resolution authorizing the award of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) services contract.

The resolution was discussed.

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

RESOLUTION 2026-22:

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to provide bus shelters and solar lighting systems.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Robert DeJournett made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Donald Christian 2nd the motion. All present voted “aye”. The resolution was approved.

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT
Vice Chair Nicole Squire reporting on behalf of Chair Bob Konstand

The Committee met on July 16th and the dashboard was reviewed.

There was one resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026-18:

A resolution authorizing the final payment of $6,725,000 to fully satisfy the $12,725,000 debt owed to the Federal Transit Administration for the Akron Secondary, Freedom Secondary and Sandyville rail corridors.

The resolution was discussed.

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

PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Vice Chair Dana LaGarde reporting on behalf of Chair Renee Greene

The Committee met on July 16th and KPIs were reviewed.

There were no resolutions.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Chair: Donald Christian
Vice Chair: Gary Spring

The Committee met on July 16th, to review a proposed Virtual Meeting Policy. The policy remains under consideration by the Board, and no formal action will be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Board President:
There was no report at this time.

Chief Executive Officer:
Ms. Dawn Distler clarified the potential transfer of retired compressed natural gas (CNG) buses for the use during the 2028 Summer Olympics. While no agreement has been finalized with LA METRO, the buses that were planned for disposal may instead be repurposed to support Olympic transit operations.

Ms. Distler reported on attending an invitation-only CEO Roundtable hosted by COMTO in Washington, D.C., where transit leaders discussed national industry issues, including ridership and service quality as performance measures. The CEO highlighted METRO's strong customer service, safety, and operational performance and shared the organization's accomplishments with transit leaders from across the country.

Ms. Distler provided an update on labor negotiations, reporting that management is awaiting a response to its most recent proposal and has not received additional bargaining dates despite continued outreach. The CEO reaffirmed management's commitment to negotiating in good faith, treating employees fairly and respectfully, and working toward a fair and reasonable agreement that serves employees, riders, and the community. Ms. Distler also stated that public allegations regarding management and the bargaining process were without merit and emphasized that management would continue the negotiations in a professional manner. It was further reported that there was no new information requiring an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Coded Section 121.22(G)(1) Public meeting exceptions allow for an Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of public employee(s) or official(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am.

The next Board Meeting scheduled is August 25th, 2026.

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: July 28, 2026

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MARK DERRIG, **PRESIDENT**	**DAWN DISTLER,** **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/** **SECRETARY-TREASURER**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2026-24

A resolution authorizing the establishment of Huntington Bank Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account for the deposit and safeguarding of METRO Regional Transit Authority funds.

WHEREAS, METRO Regional Transit Authority periodically maintains cash balances that exceed the standard Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limits; and

WHEREAS, the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) program allows deposits to be distributed among participating financial institutions, providing expanded FDIC insurance coverage while allowing METRO to maintain a single banking relationship; and

WHEREAS, participation in the ICS program will enhance the security of METRO's deposits while maintaining liquidity and supporting sound cash management practices.

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

1. METRO Regional Transit Authority is authorized to establish and participate in an Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account with its designated banking institution for the purpose of safeguarding public funds through expanded FDIC insurance coverage.
2. The Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, or her designee, is authorized to execute all agreements, applications, and other documents necessary to establish and maintain the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account.
3. The Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, or her designee, is authorized to transfer funds into and out of the Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account as necessary to effectively manage METRO's operating funds and investments in accordance with applicable laws and Board policies.
4. 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: August 25, 2026

MARK DERRIG,	**DAWN DISTLER,**
PRESIDENT	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/**
	SECRETARY- TREASURER