

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Finance & Technology Committee

**OCTOBER 22, 2026
9:00 AM**

**CHAIR: MR. ROBERT KONSTAND
VICE CHAIR: MS. NICOLE SQUIRE**



**METRO RTA
FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS BUILDING
348 KENMORE BLVD. MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

ITEM 3: SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT: Angie Neeley

- Dashboard (Page 5)
- Fringe Benefits (Page 6)

ITEM 4: RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS:

ITEM 6: CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

**METRO RTA
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS BUILDING
348 KENMORE BLVD. MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**

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

Trustees Excused: Christine Marshall

Trustees Absent:

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Shawn Metcalf, Jarrod Hampshire, Jay Hunter, Eric Scott, Molly Becker, Kyle Moeglin, Grace Doyle, DeHavilland McCall, Jamie Saylor, Laura Adkins, Jessie Dent, Melissa Barna, Regina Mills, Kayla Kinkead, Mark Schumann, Alja Austin, Luke Gareri, Brynn Overly-Nguyen, Lane Evans and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bob Konstand called the meeting to order at 9:53 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Mr. Dave Prentice made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting.

Ms. Renee Greene 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion Items | Jessie Dent

The Dashboard was reviewed, and an overview of the Fringe Benefits.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 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).

A roll call was conducted to enter Executive Session.

Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Mr. John Valle 2nd.

A roll call was conducted to exit the Executive Session.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:33 am

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

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

FINANCE DASHBOARD - YTD 8/30/26 (unaudited)

Income Statement	Revenues	Actual	Budget	Variance	Explanation
	Sales tax*	\$ 25,265,114	\$ 24,333,333	✓	
	Federal Subsidy (Operating)	\$ -	\$ -	✓	We anticipate all federal funds being drawn by October
	Total Revenues	\$ 37,026,490	\$ 30,340,694	✓	
	Expenses				
	Wages	\$ 19,286,342	\$ 23,190,660	✓	
	Fringe Benefits	\$ 14,893,294	\$ 16,796,871	✓	
	Total Operating Expenses**	\$ 44,000,053	\$ 50,702,268	✓	
Balance Sheet	Assets	Actual			Explanation
	Cash (Not restricted or dedicated)	\$ 10,023,834			
	Liabilities (1yr or less)				
	Accounts Payable	\$ 687,664			
	Accrued Payroll	\$ 2,677,300			
	Accrued Payroll Tax Liabilities	\$ 207,756			
	Liabilities***	\$ 3,572,720			



Favorable Variance

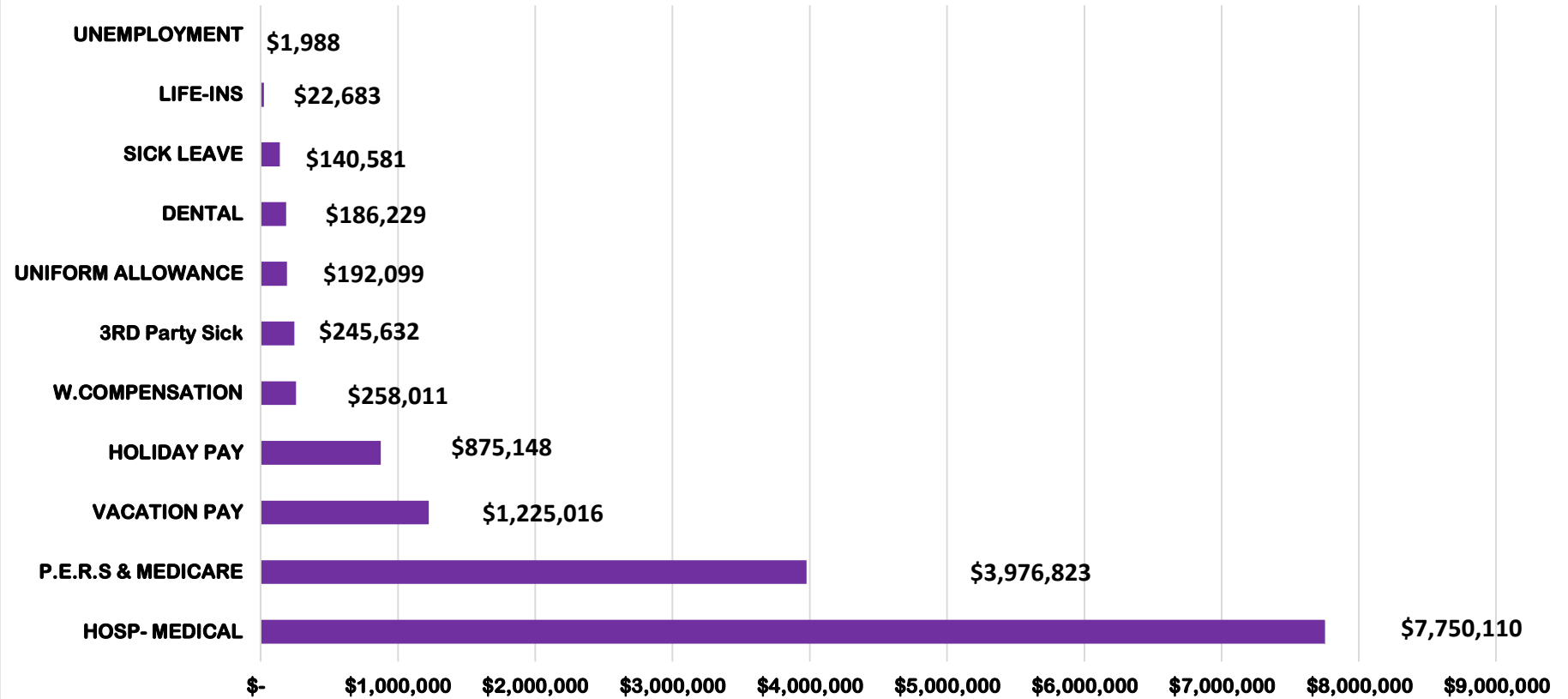
Unfavorable Variance

*Although sales tax revenue for 2026 starts in April, we received \$16,523,068 in cash through March.

**Does not include depreciation

***This is not an exhaustive list

Fringe Benefits- YTD August 2026



UNAUDITED
METRO Regional Transit Authority
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
AUGUST 2026

CURRENT MONTH		BUDGET		REVENUES	YEAR TO DATE		ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD %
ACTUAL	BUDGET	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE		ACTUAL	BUDGET	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE	CHANGE
215,967	234,643	202,126	-8.0%	Passenger Fares	1,938,079	1,877,147	1,990,106	3.2%	-2.6%
0	22,500	19,583	-100.0%	Advertising Revenue	80,438	180,000	208,483	-55.3%	-61.4%
215,967	257,143	221,709	-16.0%	Total Operating Revenue	2,018,516	2,057,147	2,198,589	-1.9%	-8.2%
194,339	260,320	335,638	-25.3%	Non-Transportation	1,440,667	2,082,563	2,068,501	-30.8%	-30.4%
9,833	20,833	(1,596)	-52.8%	Rail Related Revenue	116,355	166,667	589,295	-30.2%	-80.3%
Local Subsidy									
5,518,177	4,866,667	5,015,340	13.39%	Sales Tax Revenue	25,265,114	24,333,333	39,464,048	3.8%	-36.0%
112,893	205,623	165,903	-45.10%	Local Contracted Service	1,052,617	1,644,985	1,444,984	-36.0%	-27.2%
5,514	7,000	5,767	-21.2%	State Subsidy	319,692	56,000	54,901	470.9%	482.3%
695,642	0	4,094,797		Federal Subsidy	6,813,528	0	16,079,510		-57.6%
6,752,365	5,617,587	9,837,559	20.2%	TOTAL REVENUES	37,026,490	30,340,694	61,899,828	22.0%	-40.2%
EXPENSES									
1,293,434	2,898,833	2,411,639	-55.4%	Wages and Salaries	19,286,342	23,190,660	19,223,575	-16.8%	0.3%
1,353,521	2,095,665	1,677,861	-35.4%	Fringe Benefits	14,893,294	16,796,871	13,356,994	-11.3%	11.5%
347,927	428,984	405,433	-18.9%	Services	2,840,641	3,431,870	2,503,446	-17.2%	13.5%
286,956	316,913	464,811	-9.5%	Materials and Supplies	2,825,159	2,535,300	3,033,568	11.4%	-6.9%
100,717	134,917	96,528	-25.3%	Fuel	977,432	1,079,333	894,514	-9.4%	9.3%
165,904	130,638	81,459	27.0%	Utilities	781,568	1,045,100	724,778	-25.2%	7.8%
89,205	102,750	86,844	-13.2%	Casualty and Liability	617,351	822,000	708,849	-24.9%	-12.9%
190,573	150,000	163,487	27.0%	Purchased Transportation	1,360,702	1,200,000	1,160,411	13.4%	17.3%
73,276	75,142	87,556	-2.5%	Other Expenses	417,563	601,133	483,161	-30.5%	-13.6%
3,901,514	6,333,839	5,475,616	-38.4%	TOTAL OPERATING EXP	44,000,053	50,702,268	42,089,296	-13.2%	4.5%
2,850,851	(716,252)	4,361,942	498.0%	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(6,973,563)	(20,361,574)	19,810,532	65.8%	-135.2%
Before Depreciation									
0	0	0		Depreciation Operating	0	0	0		
663,361	663,361	704,397	0.0%	Depreciation Capital	5,357,275	5,357,275	6,059,279	0.0%	-11.6%
4,564,875	6,997,201	6,180,013	-34.8%	TOTAL EXPENSES	49,357,328	56,059,543	48,148,575	-12.0%	2.5%
2,187,489	(1,379,614)	3,657,545	258.6%	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(12,330,838)	(25,718,849)	13,751,253	52.1%	-189.7%
After Depreciation									

UNAUDITED
METRO Regional Transit Authority
FRINGE BENEFITS
AUGUST 2026

CURRENT MONTH		BUDGET			YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET	
ACTUAL	BUDGET	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE		ACTUAL	BUDGET	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE
260,392	597,017	485,297	-56.4%	P.E.R.S. & MEDICARE	3,976,823	4,776,136	3,875,870	-16.7%
864,783	1,007,227	790,765	-14.1%	HOSP-MEDICAL	7,750,110	8,057,817	6,509,358	-3.8%
23,672	40,427	31,677	-41.4%	DENTAL	186,229	282,987	186,241	-34.2%
2,660	10,107	2,788	-73.7%	LIFE-INS	22,683	80,853	23,810	-71.9%
0	0	0		UNEMPLOYMENT	1,988	0	7,583	
21,686	61,689	59,047	-64.8%	W. COMPENSATION	258,011	493,515	238,918	-47.7%
17,785	27,456	13,621	-35.2%	SICK LEAVE	140,581	219,645	113,242	-36.0%
43,198	150,177	93,442	-71.2%	HOLIDAY PAY	875,148	1,201,417	884,685	-27.2%
92,030	154,383	173,220	-40.4%	VACATION PAY	1,225,016	1,235,067	1,096,532	-0.8%
4,565	18,932	4,202	-75.9%	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	192,099	183,008	170,682	5.0%
27,447	28,250	28,435	-2.8%	3RD Party Sick/Accident/Disabi	245,632	226,000	223,027	8.7%
1,358,218	2,095,665	1,682,492	-35.2%	TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	14,874,318	16,756,445	13,329,949	-11.2%

UNAUDITED
METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Consolidated Summary
Balance Sheet
AUGUST 31, 2026 & 2025

ASSETS	2026	2025	LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	2026	2025
Current Assets:			Current Liabilities:		
Cash	10,023,834.45	14,218,641.46	Accounts Payable	687,663.51	867,397.50
Capital Fund (Restricted)	12,878,969.28	16,590,121.16	Accrued Payroll	2,677,300.40	3,851,365.14
Contingency Trust & Invest(Designated)	32,473,447.58	31,704,474.60	Accrued Payroll Tax Liabilities	207,756.31	370,948.34
Service Expan Spec Projs (Designated)	68,132,361.74	88,035,577.35	Capital Contract Payable	914,472.04	0.00
Total Cash	123,508,613.05	150,548,814.57	Short Term Debt	0.00	0.00
Receivables, Inventory & Prepaid :			Accrued Misc / Other Current	134,076.68	4,853.74
Trade, Less allowance	362,564.39	268,087.14	Total Current Liabilities	4,621,268.94	5,094,564.72
Federal Assistance	3,143,611.00	0.00			
State Assistance	0.00	0.00	Other Liabilities:		
Sales Tax Receivable	0.00	15,508,625.00	Long Term Debt		
Other Receivables	0.00	31,063.44	Long Term Lease Payable	0.00	160,694.00
Material & Supplies Inventory	1,656,297.62	1,692,333.91	Long Term Debt FTA Rail	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	1,073,516.30	1,022,645.35	Net Pension Liability	40,804,397.00	19,171,267.00
Total Rec'v, Inv, & PP	6,235,989.31	18,522,754.84	Deferred Inflows - OPEB	743,101.00	0.00
Property, Facilities & Equipment			Deferred Inflows - Pension	0.00	336,801.00
Construction in Progress	69,689,645.07	32,140,126.34	Deferred Revenue	0.00	156,666.68
Land	4,728,344.15	4,718,744.15	Other Estimated Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Building & Improvements	63,128,748.62	63,128,748.62	Total Other Liabilities	41,547,498.00	19,825,428.68
Transportation Equipment	95,388,105.01	84,214,236.68			
Other Equipment	18,538,979.85	20,736,839.20	Capital & Accumulated Earnings:		
Rail right-of-way	10,653,206.00	10,653,206.00			
Rail Infrastructure	8,983,520.80	8,983,520.80	Capital Grant: State & Federal	20,542,304.12	31,440,795.55
Total Fixed Assets	271,110,549.50	224,575,421.79	Accumulated Earnings	237,548,207.04	223,129,227.41
Less allowance for depreciation	(110,819,354.76)	(117,867,575.84)	Total Grants & Accum Earning	258,090,511.16	254,570,022.96
Total Fixed Assets (net of deprec)	160,291,194.74	106,707,845.95			
Deferred Outflows	10,445,292.00	3,485,891.00			
Net Intangible Asset	3,778,189.00	224,710.00			
Total Deferred	14,223,481.00	3,710,601.00			
Total Assets	\$ 304,259,278.10	\$ 279,490,016.36	Total Liability and Earnings	\$304,259,278.10	\$279,490,016.36

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

RESOLUTION 2026-29

A resolution authorizing a one-year extension of the maintenance and support agreement for the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, through Avail Technologies, Inc.,

WHEREAS, METRO has a contract for maintenance and support services with Avail Technologies, Inc. through October 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, METRO went out for an RFP for these services and is currently in the implementation phase; and

WHEREAS, METRO would like to purchase a one-year maintenance and support agreement with Avail.

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

1. The purchase of support and maintenance services for AVL/ERP systems from Avail Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$ 272,986.05 for one year.
2. The Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to execute said purchase.
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: October 27, 2026

**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**

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

**METRO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

RESOLUTION 2026-30

A resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer to purchase Network SAN storage devices and all necessary supporting equipment for the upgrade of METRO's current end-of-life storage infrastructure, in the amount of \$756,102.54 from STORM7 Labs.

WHEREAS, METRO requires the procurement of new Network SAN storage devices to replace existing end-of-life equipment and ensure the continued reliability, security, and performance of METRO's data storage environment; and

WHEREAS, the upgraded infrastructure will include a secondary SAN device to enable one-to-one offsite replication for disaster recovery and data protection, ensuring that in the event of a disaster METRO would experience limited to no loss of data; and

WHEREAS, this new replication capability will allow METRO to bring currently subcontracted off -site replication in-house, reducing long-term operational costs and improving control over METRO's data management; and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be made through STORM7 under the Ohio State Contract STS 534515, ensuring compliance with all state procurement requirements and providing competitive pricing; and

WHEREAS, METRO will pursue grant funding to help reduce the total cost of the purchase.

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

1. The Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to purchase of the Network SAN storage devices and associated equipment from STORM7 in the amount of \$756,102.54, utilizing available funding; and
2. 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.

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RESOLUTION 2026-31

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for general legal services to Roetzel & Andress.

WHEREAS, legal notices were advertised Akron Beacon Journal, METRO RTA website, Akron Legal News, and Opengov.com; and

WHEREAS, METRO RTA will enter into a three (3) year contract, with two (2) one-year options, for legal services under a fixed hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, such bids were due on September 17, 2026, with the following bids received.

Roetzel & Andress, LPA	\$300 hourly
Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP	\$350 hourly
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP	\$400 hourly

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

1. A contract for general legal services will be awarded to Roetzel & Andress.
2. The CEO/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.

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RESOLUTION 2026-32

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for labor and employment legal services to Ross Brittain & Schonberg with McMahon Berger.

WHEREAS, legal notices were advertised Akron Beacon Journal, METRO RTA website, Akron Legal News, and Opengov.com; and

WHEREAS, METRO RTA will enter into a three (3) year contract, with two (2) one-year options, for legal services under a fixed hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, such bids were due on September 17, 2026, with the following bids received:

Hourly rate per contract year	(26-29)	(29-30)	(30-31)
Kastner Westman & Wilkins	\$285	\$290	\$295 hourly
Roetzel & Andress	\$300	\$300	\$300 hourly
Bricker Graydon Wyatt	\$425	\$425	\$425 hourly
Ross Brittain & Schonberg	\$320	\$345	\$370 hourly
With McMahon Berger			

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

1. A contract for labor and employment services legal services will be awarded to Ross Brittain & Schonberg with McMahon Berger.
2. The CEO/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.

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RESOLUTION 2026-33

A resolution authorizing the purchase of specialized legal services from Kevin M. Sheys LLC to assist in the sale and transfer of rights for the Akron Secondary, Freedom Secondary and the Sandyville rail corridors currently owned by METRO RTA.

WHEREAS, there is a need for specialized legal services beyond the skill set of METRO'S existing legal contracts; and

WHEREAS, Kevin M. Sheys LLC specializes in federal rail regulatory law; and

WHEREAS, METRO requests to enter into an agreement with Kevin M. Sheys LLC for legal services at an hourly government rate of \$1,120.00.

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

1. The Board hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement for specialized legal services with Kevin M. Sheys LLC not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$100,000.
2. 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.

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