

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Governance Committee

JULY 16, 2026

CHAIR: MR. DONALD CHRISTIAN
VICE CHAIR: GARY SPRING



**METRO RTA
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2026 MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS | Gert Wilms

- Virtual Meeting Policy (Page 5 & 6)

ITEM 3: RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM 4: OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 5: 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).

ITEM 6: CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

**METRO RTA
GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026**

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

Trustees Excused: Gary Spring and John Valle

Trustees Absent: Dave Prentice

METRO Team Members Present: Dawn Distler, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Tatia Harris, Jay Hunter, Shawn Metcalf, DeHavilland McCall, Eric Scott, Molly Becker, Nathan Leppo, Jamie Saylor, Grace Doyle, Laura Adkins, Quentin Wyatt, Kyle Moeglin, Kyle Stewart, Alja Austin, Zach Smith, Lane Evans, Brynn Overly-Nguyen and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Donald Christian called the meeting to order at 10:48 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2025 MEETING

Ms. Renee Greene made a motion to approve minutes from March 2025.

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

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion Items | Gert Wilms

The annual meeting was opened with a reminder that one meeting is required per the bylaws.

Per the bylaws, the annual meeting includes a review of leadership positions. President Derrig and Vice President LaGarde have each served two years and remain eligible for one additional term before reaching term limits. Both terms expire this month, and it is the responsibility of the body to determine leadership moving forward.

The floor was opened for nominations for the offices of President and Vice President.

Ms. Renee Greene made a motion that the officers remain as currently serving.

Ms. Nicole Squire 2nd the motion. Mr. Derrig and Ms. LaGarde both accepted the nominations.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

OTHER BUSINESS

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:52 am.

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

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Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

METRO RTA VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING POLICY

In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.221, it is the policy of the METRO Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees (Board) to utilize virtual public meetings.

PROCEDURES

The Board may hold and attend meetings by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology, if all of the following apply:

- (1) Any resolution or formal action of any kind has the same effect as if it occurred during an in person open meeting of the Board.
- (2) Notwithstanding division (C) of section [121.22](#) of the Ohio Revised Code, Board members who attend meetings by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology shall be considered present as if in person at the meeting, shall be permitted to vote, and shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.
- (3) The Board shall provide notification of meetings held under this section to the public, to the media that have requested notification of a meeting, and to the parties required to be notified of a hearing at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting by reasonable methods by which any person may determine the time, location, agenda of the meeting or hearing, and the manner by which the meeting or hearing will be conducted, except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, the Board shall immediately notify the news media that have requested notification or the parties required to be notified of a hearing of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
- (4) The Board shall provide the public with access to a meeting held under this section that the public would otherwise be entitled to attend, commensurate with the method in which the meeting is being conducted. The Board shall ensure that the public can observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all the members of the public body, whether the member is participating in person or electronically. Members of the Board shall have a robust and sufficient internet or other electronic connection to allow the member to be seen and heard clearly and shall be visible on the video at all times.
- (5) All votes taken in the meeting shall be taken by roll call vote unless there is a motion for unanimous consent, and the motion is not objected to by a member of the Board. If a vote is taken unanimously, the Board shall provide the public with information on how the members of the Board voted, including any members who abstained from voting.

(6) Any member of the Board who intends to attend a meeting by means of video conference or other similar electronic technology shall notify the Board President of that intent not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, except in the case of an emergency.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS PROHIBITIONS

Virtual Board meetings are prohibited if any of the following apply:

- (1) The meeting involves a vote to approve a major nonroutine and unbudgeted expenditure over five million dollars;
- (2) The meeting involves a vote to hire, approve or renew the contract of the Chief Executive Officer;
- (3) The meeting purpose is to propose, approve, or vote on a tax issue or tax increase;
- (4) If, upon the notification of an upcoming meeting of the Board, and not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, the greater of at least ten (10) per cent of the members of the public body or two members of the public body, notifies the Board President that an item in the agenda must be acted upon at a meeting conducted fully in person, upon the Board President's acknowledgment of receipt of the notification, the Board shall take action on the item of the agenda only at a meeting conducted fully in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

When the Board conducts a virtual meeting, the Board shall establish a means, through the use of electronic equipment that is widely available to the general public to permit public comment, if applicable.

DATE APPROVED: July 28, 2026

**MARK DERRIG,
PRESIDENT**

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