

**METRO RTA
FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

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

Trustees Excused: Mark Derrig and Christine Marshall

Trustees Absent:

METRO Team

Members Present: Dawn Distler, Angie Neeley Tatia Harris, Gert Wilms, Jarrod Hampshire, Jay Hunter, Eric Scott, Shawn Metcalf, Molly Becker, Kyle Stewart, Jessie Dent, Laura Adkins, Zach Smith, Quentin Wyatt, Kayla Kinkead, Regina Mills, Lane Evans and Leslie Rashid

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bob Konstand called the meeting to order at 9:52 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING

Mr. Donald Christian made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

Mr. Dave Prentice 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion Items | Angie Neeley

The Dashboard and Fringe Benefits were reviewed, and agenda items were discussed.

Mr. Gary Spring inquired about federal grants. Ms. Neeley reported that METRO is in the final stages of receiving FTA approval for a federal grant amendment after completing all requested revisions and documentation. Additional grant opportunities are being pursued, including a transit-oriented development planning grant and participation in the Safe Streets for all programs in partnership with Summit County and the City of Akron.

Discussion also focused on proposed federal funding changes that could shift grant distribution authority to the state level and reduce overall transit funding. Staff expressed concerns about the

potential impact on future capital and operating funds and noted ongoing efforts with transit partners and Congresswoman Sykes' office.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2026-14 |Angie Neeley

A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for the purchase of Finance and HRIS.

The resolution was discussed.

Mr. Dave Prentice made a motion to the committee to recommend the resolution to the Board on May 26, 2026. Mr. John Valle 2nd the motion. All present voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:20 am



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

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