



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees
Public Board Meeting

April 4, 2023

Trustees: John Lumpkin, President
Sharon D. Howard, Vice President
Al Fullenkamp
Sharon Hairston
Adrienne L. Heard
Belinda Matthews-Stenson
Thomas Weckesser

Excused: Nikol M. Miller
David P. Williamson

Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Conard, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
Pat O'Malley, Deputy Chief Maintenance Officer
Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
Aaron Taylor, Deputy Chief Transportation Officer

Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present and proper notice of the meeting had been given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lumpkin led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority

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ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Ms. Miller	Excused
Ms. Heard	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Ms. Howard	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Excused
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) By-Laws require Board Trustees' approval of today's Board Meeting Agenda. The Agenda was mailed in advance, and Mr. Lumpkin asked if there are any changes to the Agenda? Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of today's Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lumpkin asked if anyone requests a reading of the minutes or if there are corrections to the minutes?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of the March 7, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance, Personnel and Planning Committees held a meeting on March 21st and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending one (1) Action Item for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – BUS GARAGE POST TENSIONED FLOOR REPAIR

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated this procurement is for RTA to contract with a specialty contractor for Bus Garage Post Tensioned Floor Repair. This project will include structural concrete repairs in the bus garage and employee parking garage. The contractor will be allowed full access to the garages. This project is consistent with RTA's core values of Safety and Stewardship as RTA demonstrates its commitment to maintain our facilities in a state of good repair and our commitment to safety as a priority.

The intent of this procurement is to secure a contractor to perform the above-described work. A Two-Step procurement was used, which is a combination of competitive procedures.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. Heard to APPROVE a contract AWARD to CPS Construction Group, Inc. for Bus Garage Post Tensioned Floor Repair in the amount of \$107,640 plus a 20% contingency of \$21,528 for any unknowns that may arise during the repair process for a total award of up to \$129,168. This procurement will be funded with Federal funds.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven Nays: None

Discussion Items to Mention

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated at our meeting, Mr. Ruzinsky provided an investment update and held a general discussion on RTA's policy related to investments.

The January 2023 Financial Report as well as Small Purchases Information has been included in today's Board package.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on March 21st. The Planning Committee has important informational items to share.

Discussion Items to Mention

Mr. Weckesser stated at the meeting, Mr. Brandon Policicchio provided a summary document of recent activities in the Customer and Business Development Department.

Mr. Policicchio provided updates on ridership, upcoming service changes, and the current state of passenger fares. He also shared about the ongoing outreach RTA is conducting with area jurisdictions. He stated the outreach includes discussions on RTA's current service, and a review of the

proposed system redesign plans that were made available for public input over the past two months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky stated RTA's recent hiring event at the Northwest Hub was very well received. Eighty-four people attended and the feedback received was that everyone really liked the location because many applicants did choose to ride the bus to the event. Mr. Ruzinsky commented Staff is already planning to host the next hiring event at Wright Stop Plaza's Downtown Transit Center. RTA may partner with some larger employers in Downtown Dayton to possibly get an even larger pool of applicants. RTA extended forty-five offers and Staff is waiting to hear back on a few of them. The training class started on Monday, and it was a good event. Mr. Ruzinsky stated he is proud of Staff's efforts regarding this hiring event. Mr. Ruzinsky stated Staff also rolled out the "Hiring Buses" that have the giant QR codes on them. Mr. Ruzinsky commented that he didn't know how many people have attempted to use the giant QR codes but they're fun to see in the community.

Staff is finalizing another commercial with employee testimonials regarding what a great place it is to work at RTA! A Maintenance employee is featured and, the commercial will begin running in rotation with other ads.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lumpkin stated anyone wishing to address the Board must speak on their own behalf. After you are recognized to speak you must come to the lectern or if you're physically unable to do so a handheld microphone will be brought to you. You must first state your name and address, after doing so, at that point you have 3 minutes to make your comments. A yellow light will come on when you have 30 seconds remaining, and the Secretary will say 30 seconds. When your three minutes are up, the red light will come on and the Secretary will say stop, and at that time you must

stop talking and leave the lectern or surrender the microphone.

The following Citizens requested Senior E-Z Ride Service be reinstated:

- Ms. Charlene E. Dawson – 215 McDaniel Street, Apartment #403, Dayton, Ohio 45417.
- Ms. Saundra Smothers - 215 McDaniel Street, Apartment #207 - McPherson Town, Dayton, Ohio 45417.
- Bishop E. Ray Cobia – 4746 Germantown Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

Ms. Althea Asadullah – 6003 Channing Way Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45424. Ms. Asadullah stated RTA drivers are not following proper ADA protocols. Some drivers pass her up at bus stops and some let her off at a bus stop that was not requested. Additionally, Ms. Asadullah commented the Public Service Announcement System often times does not work.

Ms. Mary Miller - 229 Colgate Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45417. Ms. Miller stated she had a hard time arriving at today's meeting because of limited parking and not having direct access to RTA's board room without assistance from RTA Staff. Additionally, Ms. Miller was concerned about recent comments made regarding Dayton Public School Students.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Lumpkin clarified Mr. Ruzinsky did not say that RTA did not want to serve the children. That is not accurate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

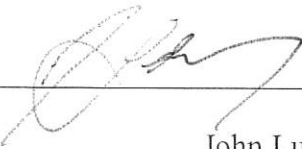
MOTION MADE by Ms. Howard and SECONDED by Ms. Heard to ADJOURN the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.


Ayes: Seven Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

ATTEST



John Lumpkin
President
RTA Board of Trustees



Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees

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