



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees
Public Board Meeting

August 6, 2024

- Trustees: Sharon Hairston, Acting Chair
Al Fullenkamp
Belinda Matthews-Stenson
Nikol M. Miller
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser
David P. Williamson
- Excused: John A. Lumpkin, Jr., President
Sharon D. White, Vice President
- Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
Sarah Sparks, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Officer
- Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Hairston 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

Ms. Hairston led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Excused	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hairston 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 Ms. Hairston asked if there are any changes to the Agenda? Upon hearing no requests or changes, Ms. Hairston DECLARED APPROVAL of today’s Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Ms. Hairston DECLARED APPROVAL of the June 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees held a meeting on July 16th and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending one (1) Action Item for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – BANKING SERVICES

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is to contract with a commercial bank to perform ongoing banking services for Greater Dayton RTA. The successful commercial bank is responsible for providing all banking needs.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE a

CONTRACT AWARD to Fifth Third Bank for five (5) years with two (2) one-year options. The estimated cost is \$31,488 for each of the five (5) years, totaling \$157,440, and \$31,488 for each option year, totaling \$62,976, for a grand total of \$220,416.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six

Nays: None

Abstain – One – Ms. Matthews-Stenson

Discussion Items to Mention

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the May 2024 Financial Report as well as Small Purchases Information was presented at our meeting, and 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 July 16th and as a result, the Planning Committee is recommending four (4) Action Items for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #3 – RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8-1, AUTHORIZING GREATER DAYTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS OF THE HEALTH TRANSIT POOL OF OHIO

Mr. Weckesser stated at the Committee meeting Mr. Policicchio explained RTA is currently reviewing options for 2025 medical and prescription insurance, and determining whether the RTA will recommend a self-insured or fully insured plan for administrative and AFSCME represented employees.

The Health Transit Pool of Ohio program is conducted through a pooling arrangement, which allows for pooling both self-insurance and stop loss coverage. The program is organized to allow each member of the pool to independently create their benefits profiles with different coverage profiles for each member. All claims are adjusted by the selected health insurance provider of the pool.

This resolution allows RTA to join the Health Transit Pool of Ohio, and does not authorize the purchase of medical and

prescription coverage through the Health Transit Pool of Ohio. This action item does provide RTA the ability, if self-insured is recommended and approved, to move smoothly into the open enrollment period. The official recommendation for how the RTA intends to purchase medical and prescription insurance for 2025, will be brought to the Board of Trustees at a later date.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to APPROVE Resolution No. 2024-8-1, as attached, Authorizing the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Membership Agreement and Bylaws of the Health Transit Pool of Ohio.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #4 – TRANSIT

Mr. Weckesser stated Mr. Policicchio explained that the Transit app, known as “Transit”, in 2016 was initially leveraged to provide real-time bus arrival and trip assistance for customers with the purchase of RTA’s CAD/AVL deployment. Today, the platform is utilized by 1 in 3 customers to plan and pay for their mobility services.

Following the initial launch of Transit in 2018, RTA approved a strategic partnership agreement with Transit to offer a multi-modal trip planning and payment solution to customers and ultimately serve as an all-in-one mobility service platform for the region. As a result of the planning and development work since 2018, RTA approved a five-year financial agreement with Transit in 2019 for a total cost of \$1,158,000. Since 2019, RTA implemented its fare payment system, Tapp Pay, which allowed for the use of mobile payments on fixed routes and Connect services through the integrated Transit platform.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. Miller to APPROVE a contract AWARD to 9280-0366 Quebec Inc. dba Transit for an estimated five-year total of \$1,084,578, in addition to awarding optional items totaling \$450,000, for a grand total of \$1,534,578.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #5 – JULY 2024 – TITLE VI FARE EQUITY ANALYSIS FOR PROPOSED FARE CHANGES

Mr. Weckesser stated Mr. Policicchio explained that as a recipient of USDOT and FTA funding, the RTA must comply with Title VI and Environmental Justice regulations. During the first half of 2024, RTA proposed fare changes for its various services. Due to this, the RTA is required to complete a Title VI Fare Equity Analysis. As a result, the RTA provided, and requested the review and approval to submit the July 2024 – Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for Proposed Fare Changes, which will be included in the next Title VI Program update to the FTA website. In addition, RTA will make this analysis available on the RTA website.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to APPROVE the July 2024 – Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for Proposed Fare Changes, which will be included in the next Title VI Program update to the FTA website.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #6 – TRANSIT FARE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Weckesser stated that Mr. Policicchio explained that after reviewing the current RTA fare structure, recommendations have been made to revise the pricing of various RTA fares.

Prior to making these recommendations, RTA conducted a customer survey and public hearings, along with a July 2024 – Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for Proposed Fare Changes. The completed analysis was provided, reviewed, presented, and approved by the Board of Trustees in advance of this action item.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Mr. Williamson to ADOPT the revised RTA Fare Structure Tariff, to be effective January 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and

January 1, 2027. Furthermore, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to do all things necessary to implement the new fare structure.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

Discussion Items to Mention

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky reminded everyone the RTA Retiree event is this Thursday. Lunch will be by invitation only and it's being held downstairs, in the concourse. Mr. Ruzinsky stated over 150 guests will be in attendance from our retiree community.

Mr. Ruzinsky wanted to invite everyone to RTA’s Family Fun Day event on Saturday, August 24th. Mr. Ruzinsky stated several Board members will serve as judges that day.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ruzinsky reminded everyone for the record at RTA’s last public Board meeting the Board and Staff were made aware of a phone call that the ATU President wanted us to listen to. The recording was listened to in its entirety at the Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hairston 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.

Ms. Althea Assadula, 6006 Channing Way Court – Dayton, Ohio, 45424. Ms. Assadula would like for RTA Policies and Procedures to be shared with Staff and Customers when a passenger boards an RTA vehicle and seeks medical attention. Ms. Assadula stated that she was late arriving to her appointment due to waiting 45 minutes for medics to arrive and transport a customer to the hospital. Ms. Assadula asked if it's possible for safety reasons that her whole name not be announced when she deboards an RTA vehicle. Ms. Assadula would like to be identified by her ID #17644 instead. Lastly, Ms. Assadula would like for RTA dispatchers to all be on the same page when giving out information to customers.

Mr. Ruzinsky stated once Staff looks into Ms. Assadula's concerns, Staff will report back at the next committee meeting.

The following Citizens are requesting the reinstatement of the Senior EZ Ride Services.

- Ms. Sandra Smothers – 215 McDaniel Street, Apartment #201, Dayton, Ohio 45405.
- Mr. E. Ray Cobia - 4746 Germantown Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

Mr. Myron Hicks – 440 Dayton Towers, Apt. #911 – Dayton, Ohio 45410. Mr. Hicks wanted to know why RTA has not responded to his legal claim that he submitted some time ago. Mr. Hicks re-submitted copies of his information with Staff today and asked that he and his attorney receive follow-up soon.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and
SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to ADJOURN the
meeting.


MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

ATTEST



Sharon Hairston
Acting Chair
RTA Board of Trustees



Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees

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