



Board of Trustees Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM

COTA-WG Porter Boardroom, 33 N High St, Columbus OH

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Sean Mentel called the May 27, 2026 annual meeting of the COTA Board of Trustees to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Sean Mentel, Chair
Trudy Bartley, Trustee
Erika Clark Jones, Trustee
Jeff Hunley, Trustee (9:04 am)
Doug McCollough, Trustee
Marc Pastorek, Trustee
Stephen Sayre, Trustee
Matt Starr, Trustee
Amy Taylor, Trustee
Heather Ulrey, Trustee

Board Members Excused

Pete Bucher, Trustee
Mallory Donaldson, Trustee

3. Comments or Statements from the Audience

Walter Hardy discussed issues with battery electric buses. He also challenged the board to hold staff accountable and asked for a follow up on HNTB.

4. Governance Committee Report - Sean Mentel, Chair

A. Resolution 2026-33 Amending and Restating the Board Governance Guidelines

Vice Chair Trudy Bartley moved to approve Resolution 2026-33, seconded by Trustee Erica Clark Jones. Motion carried.

5. Other Business

COTA Chief Legal/General Counsel presented Resolution 2026-34:

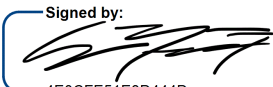
A. Resolution 2026-34 Authorizing Election of Officers for the Central Ohio Transit Authority

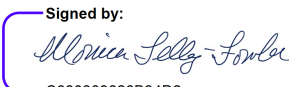
Trustee Jeff Hunley moved to approve Resolution 2026-34 to elect Sean Mentel as Chair, Trudy Bartley as Vice Chair, Earl Jackson as Secretary, and Renee Hunt as Assistant Secretary, seconded by Trustee Amy Taylor. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Trustee Clark Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Taylor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.

Adopted: July 22, 2026

Signed: 
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Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest: 
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President/CEO