



MEETING: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

LOCATION: COTA – WG PORTER BOARDROOM | 33 N HIGH ST., COLUMBUS, OH

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the May 22, 2024 regular meeting of the COTA Board of Trustees to order at 9:07 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Marlon Moore, Chair
Sean Mentel, Vice Chair
Trudy Bartley, Trustee
Pete Bucher, Trustee
Jeff Hunley, Trustee
Marc Reitter, Trustee
Amy Taylor, Trustee
Shannon Tolliver, Trustee
Heather Ulrey, Trustee
Kumi Walker, Trustee

Board Members Excused:

Erika Clark Jones, Trustee
Lori Elmore, Trustee
Craig Treneff, Trustee

3. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

A. MARCH 20, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Chair Moore motioned to amend the March 20, 2024 Board minutes and remove the approval of the of the March 13, 2024 Special COTA Board Meeting minutes to correct an administrative error surrounding the March 13, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Vice Chair Mentel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Mentel motioned to approve the amended March 20, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. Motion carried.



B. APRIL 15, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND RETREAT MINUTES

Trustee Hunley motioned to approve the April 15, 2024 Board of Trustee Meeting and Retreat Minutes. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Christina Happel shared concerns around safety from a biking and age-friendly perspective.

Sandy Doyle Ahern shared support for LinkUS while highlighting the benefits to employers, urban revitalization, and accessibility.

Stephanie Hightower shared support for LinkUS while highlighting that this is an identified need by the Columbus Urban Leagues clients and that it will provide better access to jobs and help move people out of poverty.

Mayor Amrose Grooms shared support for LinkUS while highlighting that the forty-five percent increase in COTA service hours, increased access to trails and connection to Vision Zero make this crucial for the growth of the region.

Walter Hardy shared concerns about bus/parts and driver shortages. He also shared concerns about changes in COTA's administrative workforce.

Stevie Passamonte shared support for LinkUS on behalf of Transit Columbus. They shared their story about relying on COTA while growing up in Columbus and how excited to imagine a future that looks much different.

Harvey Miller shared concerns about the path the central Ohio has been on related to mobility. But shared that he is supportive of LinkUS and the partnership between COTA, MORPC, City of Columbus, and Franklin County. He also shared that he appreciates the connection to other local initiatives.

Fred Brothers shared support for LinkUS. He also shared the story of his company, Fortuity, and how he strategically decided to locate on a COTA line to support his workforce and the positive impacts it has had on his employees' lives.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Telléz-Fowler started by sharing her appreciation to the Board for placing their trust in her to lead the organization and for their on-going support. She also welcomed new Trustees Bucher, Taylor and Ulrey to their first full Board meeting. She highlighted that LinkUS was a key element in Mayor Ginther's State of the City and the importance of the decisions in front of the Board today with the ballot language and locally preferred alternative for the East Main Street corridor.



President Telléz-Fowler also highlighted the success of the recent operator hiring event and shared her appreciation with the team. She also recognized four team members (operator Lloyd Lester, and vehicle maintenance technicians: Eric Rager, Joel Chesser and Jake Markelonis) who recently competed in the American Public Transportation Association's International Bus Rodeo in Portland, Oregon and came home as First Runner Up Grand Champions.

6. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – MARLON MOORE, CHAIR

Chair Moore shared that the Governance Committee met on May 9, 2024, where the resolutions and committee reports on today's annual and regular agendas were reviewed.

7. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – SEAN MENTEL, CHAIR

Chair Mentel shared that the Strategic & Operational Planning Committee met on May 7, 2024. The committee was presented and recommended the following two resolutions to the regular agenda for the full Board.

Chair Mentel also highlighted the successful operator hiring event that was held in April, which yielded nearly 250 candidates for consideration. He also shared that COTA's BELIEVE employee resource group held their first produce drive on April 16 and distributed nearly 10,000 pounds of food at the Northern Lights Park and Ride.

A. RESOLUTION 2024-44 – AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED EAST MAIN STREET LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Trustee Reitter motioned to approve Resolution 2024-44 Authorizing the Adoption of the revised East Main Street Locally Preferred Alternative. Vice Chair Mentel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 2024-45 – SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A THREE-FOURTHS OF ONE PERCENT TAX LEVY

Trustee Taylor motioned to approve Resolution 2024-45 to Submit to the Voters a Three-fourths of One Percent Tax Levy. Vice Chair Mentel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – SHANNON TOLLIVER, CHAIR

Chair Tolliver shared that the External Stakeholder Relations Committee met on May 7, 2024. The committee received presentations on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise spending, the strategic response program, and LinkUS outreach efforts.

Chair Tolliver also highlighted that two COTA employees were honored with Columbus Business



First Awards. Tracy Spikes, Director of Learning and Development, received the 2024 Human Resource Impact Award for the development of COTA's apprenticeship and internship programs. Aslyne Rodriguez, Senior Director of Regional Strategic Partnerships, received the Diversity Champion Award for leading COTA's educational pass program.

9. PERFORMANCE MONITORING/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – MARC REITTER, CHAIR

Chair Reitter shared that the Performance Monitoring/Audit Committee met on May 9, 2024. The committee received presentations on COTA's unaudited financials through March 2024 and the updated LinkUS financial plan for the West Broad Street Corridor. The committee also reviewed the resolutions being brought forward on the consent agenda.

Chair Reitter also shared that Congresswoman Beatty and U.S. Deputy Secretary for Transportation, Polly Trottenberg, took a tour of the West Broad Street Corridor on April 3 to highlight the work that has been done and celebrate the nearly \$42 million grant the corridor received from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities program. Chair Reitter also shared that COTA received an additional \$1.2 million grant for the West Broad Street Corridor from the Federal Transit Administration to assist with transit-oriented development planning.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Tolliver motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- A. RESOLUTION 2024-46 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC. FOR CLOUD SERVICES
- B. RESOLUTION 2024-47 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC. FOR CLOUD SERVICES
- C. RESOLUTION 2024-48 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BRASCO INTERNATIONAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHELTERS FOR COTA BUS STOP LOCATIONS
- D. RESOLUTION 2024-49 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENFARE FOR THE RENEWAL OF SAAS SERVICES FOR GENFARE LINK MODULES FOR 2024-2025
- E. RESOLUTION 2024-50 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH INOVIMUM, LLC FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT INFOR CLOUDSUITE



- F. RESOLUTION 2024-51 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR CNG GAS DETECTION MONITORING SERVICES
- G. RESOLUTION 2024-52 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KEYSTONE RIDGE DESIGNS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF BENCHES FOR COTA BUS STOP LOCATIONS
- H. RESOLUTION 2024-53 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LEVEL D&I SOLUTIONS FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES
- I. RESOLUTION 2024-54 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH REVEL IT, INC. FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES
- J. RESOLUTION 2024-55 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TEKSYSTEMS, INC. FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES
- K. RESOLUTION 2024-56 – AUTHORIZING A DISCOUNT FARE STRUCTURE WITH THE CITY YEAR COLUMBUS PROGRAM
- L. RESOLUTION 2024-57 – AUTHORIZING A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NEORIDE AN OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
- M. RESOLUTION 2024-58 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH A CUSTOMER’S POINT OF VIEW, INC. FOR THIRD PARTY BUS OPERATOR MONITORING SERVICES
- N. RESOLUTION 2024-59 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH CAPITOL CITICOM INC. FOR PRINT SERVICES
- O. RESOLUTION 2024-60 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH CBRE FOR REAL ESTATE CONSULTING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES
- P. RESOLUTION 2024-61 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ORIGAMI RISK LLC FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND ADDITION OF THE GOVERNANCE, RISK & COMPLIANCE MODULE
- Q. RESOLUTION 2024-62 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC FOR CELLULAR SERVICE AND HARDWARE
- R. RESOLUTION 2024-63 – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES WITH CDW-G FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAPID 7 INSIGHTVM AND INSIGHTIDR SOFTWARE LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS
- S. RESOLUTION 2024-64 – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR RENEWAL OF CISCO SMARTNET LICENSES



- T. RESOLUTION 2024-65 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST BROAD STREET BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR
- U. RESOLUTION 2024-66 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH IP PATHWAYS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES
- V. RESOLUTION 2024-67 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HNTB OHIO, INC. FOR LINKUS PROGRAM PLANNING & ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES
- W. RESOLUTION 2024-68 – AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY INSURANCE COMPANY DBA ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION DRUG, AND VISION INSURANCE FOR COTA EMPLOYEES

12. JULY 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

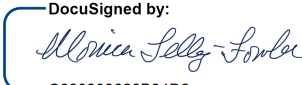
- STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, JULY 9 | 10:00 AM
- EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, JULY 9 | 3:00 PM
- PERFORMANCE MONITORING/AUDIT COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, JULY 11 | 2:00 PM
- GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, JULY 11 | 3:00 PM
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 | 9:00 AM

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Reitter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hunley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Adopted: _____ July 24, 2024

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Chair, Board of Trustees

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President/CEO

