



## **Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 3:00 PM

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

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Marlon Moore called the March 6, 2025 Governance Committee meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Board Members Present**

Marlon Moore, Chair

Sean Mentel, Vice Chair

Marc Reitter, Trustee

Shannon Tolliver, Trustee

### **3. Approval of Governance Committee Minutes**

#### **A. January 23, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair Sean Mentel moved to approve the January 23, 2025 Governance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Marc Reitter. Motion carried.

### **4. New Business**

#### **A. Resolution 2025-XX Election of Officers for the Central Ohio Transit Authority**

Chair Moore presented the resolution for the election of officers for the COTA Board of Trustees, which reflects two updates: COTA Interim Chief Financial Officer Michael DeWees as Secretary Treasurer, and COTA Senior Board Administrator Renee Hunt, as Board Secretary. This item will be placed on the March 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting consent agenda.

### **5. Strategic and Operational Planning Committee Report - Sean Mentel, Chair**

Vice Chair Sean Mentel presented the report from the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee meeting held March 4, 2025, which included a presentation updating COTA's Sustainability Plan and a presentation on LinkUS progress.

**6. External Stakeholder Relations Committee Report - Shannon Tolliver, Chair**

Trustee Tolliver presented the report from the External Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting held on March 4, 2025, which included presentations on active and anticipated grants; the current state of transportation budget bill, and a community impact report.

**7. Performance Monitoring/Audit Committee Report - Marc Reitter, Chair**

Trustee Reitter presented the report from the Performance Monitoring/Audit Committee meeting held on March 6, 2025, which included a financial update that included year-to-date ridership through January 2025. The committee heard 31 resolutions that were recommended for the consent agenda. Also, the committee heard a presentation of active and anticipated grants.

There was a robust discussion at the Governance Committee about grants at risk due to possible federal budget cuts.

**8. Other Business**

No other business was brought before the Committee.

**9. Executive Session for the following purpose: ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee**

Chair Marlon Moore moved to enter Executive Session for the purposes described above, seconded by Vice Chair Mentel. Through roll call, the board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 4:20 pm.

Executive Session ended at 4:50 pm.

**10. Adjournment**


Vice Chair Mentel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Reitter. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

ADOPTED: July 17, 2025

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Chair, Governance Committee

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President/CEO