



**NOVEMBER 18, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
W. G. PORTER BOARDROOM, 33 N. HIGH STREET**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dawn Tyler Lee called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Tyler Lee, Chair
William A. Anthony
Trudy Bartley
Philip Honsey
Donald Leach
Gina R. Ormond
Craig P. Treneff
Richard R. Zitzke

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Carter Ryan, Vice Chair
Brett Kaufman
Harry Proctor
Amy Schmittauer

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Due to a change in residence, Trudy Bartley, Board of Trustees member, resigned her Franklin County seat on the Board, and was reappointed by the City of Columbus to a term that will expire in April of 2018. She was administered the Oath of Office.

4. REVIEW CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees reviewed the consent agenda. No resolutions were pulled from the consent agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

Honsey motioned to approve the November 18, 2015 Agenda. Treneff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Treneff motioned to approve the October 28, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. Zitzke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Crawley, a customer and resident of the Franklin Park area, expressed concerns with the Transit System Redesign. Her husband read a four-page letter to the Board of Trustees on her behalf. Chair Tyler Lee said COTA will take Mrs. Crawley's comments under advisement.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Curtis Stitt announced that he will serve as a panelist in a forum discussion at the Columbus Metropolitan Club today at noon entitled, "Rerouting Transit – Modes That Move Us."

President Stitt recognized 14 employees who participated in Champions of Democracy and served as poll workers on Election Day.

President Stitt announced that the 11th Annual Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks, hosted by COTA, The Ohio State University, and Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, will be held on December 3 and 4, 2015. He invited members of the Board to attend the events.

9. PRESENTATION(S) AND ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTIONS, IF APPROPRIATE

- Mike Bradley, Vice President, Planning and Service Development, gave a presentation on the Transit System Redesign.
- Amy Hockman, Director of Mobility Services, gave a presentation on Mobility Services.

10. COMMITTEES

A. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – WILLIAM A. ANTHONY, CHAIR

2015-97 - AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Amy Hockman, Director, Mobility Services, presented this resolution. She said Resolution No. 2011-84 authorized a contract with First Transit, Inc. for transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities (ADA service) for the period commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2014, with an option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms. COTA wishes to renew this contract for the second additional one-year term, and expenditures to provide such services for the fifth year of the contract are required.

This resolution authorizes COTA to allocate the funds necessary for the provision of transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities provided by First Transit, Inc. for the period commencing January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2016 for an estimated expenditure not to exceed Eight Million Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$8,422,634.00).

Treneff motioned to approve this resolution. Zitzke seconded the motion. Leach abstained. Motion passed.

2015-98 - AUTHORIZING FREE FARES DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES

Lee Johnson, Interim Vice President, Operations, presented this resolution. He said the purpose of this Resolution is to provide customers with an alternative to driving during periods of severe weather, which causes traffic congestion through heavy and drifting snow and/or icy conditions, and below freezing temperatures.

This would apply only during an officially declared Level 2 and Level 3 Snow Emergencies authorized by the Franklin County Sheriff. Such declarations apply to both the city and county roadways. Level 2 and Level 3 Snow Emergencies will also involve restrictions on private vehicle traffic, thus making it more difficult for people to travel for work and other purposes. By providing “free” bus service during these periods, we would decrease traffic congestion, enhance public safety and provide the public with a tangible display of goodwill toward those who need to travel to their jobs, schools, and other locations.

This resolution authorizes COTA to offer free fares during Level 2 and 3 Snow Emergencies as declared by the Franklin County Sheriff. This free fare will stay in effect for the remainder of each day in which the snow emergency is declared.

Honsey motioned to approve this resolution. Leach seconded the motion. Motion passed

B. PLANNING COMMITTEE – GINA ORMOND, CHAIR

- Gina Ormond gave a report on the November 6, 2015 Planning Committee meeting.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – CRAIG TRENEFF, CHAIR

- Craig Treneff gave a report on the November 10, 2015 Finance Committee meeting.
- Jeffrey Vosler, CFO/ Vice President, Finance, gave a Finance Report.

11. CONSENT AGENDA - DAWN TYLER LEE, BOARD CHAIR

Chair Tyler Lee presented resolutions 2015-99 through 2015-104 via consent agenda.

2015-99 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BYERS FORD, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2016 FORD INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES

2015-100 - AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR TRANSIT PLANNING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

2015-101 - AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONTRACT WITH JRED SERVICES, LLC FOR DOWNTOWN SHELTER CLEANING SERVICES

2015-102 - AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES FROM THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015-103 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH COLONIAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS CUMMINS PARTS FOR TRANSIT COACHES

2015-104 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE AT 1333 FIELDS AVENUE

Honsey motioned to approve these resolutions. Anthony seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

President Stitt recognized Kristen Treadway, Vice President, Human Resources and Labor Relations, for her work and the work of her team in hosting COTA's first veteran ceremony which recognized more than 100 employees who are veterans of the armed forces or active members of the armed forces.

13. UPCOMING MEETING(S) – WILLIAM G. PORTER BOARDROOM, 33 N. HIGH STREET

Chair Tyler Lee reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

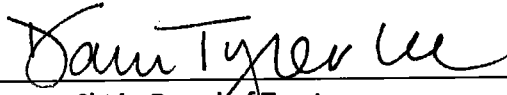
14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zitzke motioned to move into executive session to review and discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). Anthony seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Adopted: December 16, 2015

Signed: 
Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest: 
President/CEO