

Minutes

RTA Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee Meeting

10:41 a.m., February 19, 2019

Present: Lucas (Chair), Bibb, Elkins, Serrano

Other Board Members: Clough, Joyce, Moss, Welo

Not present: McCall

Also Present: Anderson, Becker, Benford, Bober, Brooks-Williams, Burney, Calabrese, Caver, Ciesla, Coppock, Cottrell, Cranford, Crosby, Czeck, Dangelo, Davis, Dietrich, Draper, Dzigiel, Faith, Feke, Feliciano, Fields, Flannery, Garofoli, Gautam, Gibbons, Gillan-Shafroon, Goodwin, Gray, Houston, Jackson (J), Jackson (W) Jaszczak, Johnson, Jones, Kechtaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lewis, Lively, Loh, McDonnell, McGrady, Penning, Pickett, Pinkney-Butts, Prendergast, Rodriguez (L), Rowe, Rusnov, Schipper, Shariff, Singh, Smith, Stocking, Stover, Sutula, Tarka, Tarter, Togher, Vukmanic, Weil, Winn, Young, Zeller, Zimmerman

Rev. Lucas called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that four (4) committee members were present.

Quarterly Management Report

Floun'say R. Caver, Ph.D, Interim CEO/GM-Secretary Treasurer gave the presentation. This is the 4th quarter 2018 report. The year 2018 posed some challenges, but RTA has remained steadfast and diligent in its financial management and budget execution. Expenses were \$291 million and revenues were \$295 million. RTA finished the year with an available ending balance of \$39 million or 1.9 month reserve. These critical benchmarks have created the stability we need and have opened a space to plan the next important steps for the organization. The outstanding team effort that accomplished these results, allowed RTA to create a 2019 budget we can be proud of. In the 2019 budget, there were no revenue losses or service increases. In 2019, staff will execute five critical pillar studies. Each study will engage the community and the Board. We are proud to celebrate a year of financial stability and significant results, as we confidently move RTA forward and to meet our achieved goals.

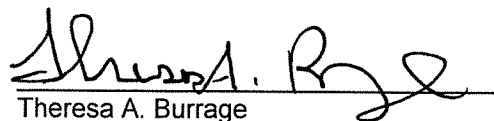
RTA celebrated several milestones last quarter. The MetroHealth Line hit 1 million riders in less than a year of its opening in December of 2017. In November, the HealthLine had its 10-year anniversary. This \$200 million project has generated \$9.5 billion in economic development along Euclid Avenue and connects the two largest regional employment areas (downtown and University Circle). The HL was the region's first bus rapid transit and was named the best BRT in the nation in 2013. RTA celebrated 50 years of rapid transit service to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, which opened in November of 1968. The Red Line service to the airport was the first in the world to provide direct public rail service from downtown to the airport. This line remains a critical component for downtown economic development, tourism and travel and convention business. To maintain this valuable asset, ODOT provided \$8.6 million in new funding for track reconstruction between Hopkins Airport and the West Park Station. RTA received several awards last year, one was the receipt of the APTA Gold Award for Bus Safety.

Next we'll look at the financial goals. The first goal is to have the general fund revenues over 1% more than the expenses. We did not make that goal, but are still in a strong financial place. Passenger fares should cover 20% of expenses. It covered 19.1% last quarter. General fund personnel cost versus the budget goal is to be less than and or equal to 3% of the budget. This goal was achieved. Sales and Use Tax performed better than budget by 3%. Passenger fares performed better than budget by 8%. DBE achieved 15.9%, which is trending towards the goal.

Rev. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.



Floun'say R. Caver, Ph.D., Interim CEO
General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Secretary