

## Minutes

### RTA Annual Meeting

9:19 a.m., March 23, 2021

**Present:** Lucas (Vice-Chair) Byrne, Joyce, Koomar, McCall, Moss, Pellot, Weiss

**Not present:** Bibb, Serrano

**Also Present:** Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Burney, Catalusci, Caver, Coffey, Cottrell, Dangelo, Davidson, Dietrich, Ferraro, Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Kirkland, Manning, Mothes, Orlando, Petit, Schipper, Sutula, Talley, Togher, Walker-Minor

Rev. Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Eight (8) board members were present. This meeting was conducted in accordance with Sub. H.B. 404 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, passed on November 19, 2020, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on November 22, 2020 and the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency, this meeting will be live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rideRTA](http://www.facebook.com/rideRTA)) for staff and members of the public.

The Secretary advised that notice of this meeting have been posted more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting, that the usual notification has been given the news media and other interested persons, and that all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules and Bylaws of this Board regarding notice of meeting have been complied with.

Rev. Lucas said the chair of the Nominating Committee, Leo Serrano could not be here due to a work commitment with the Cleveland Schools. Since Mayor Clough's term expired from the Board and he is the sitting officer as Vice President, he is conducting the meeting and is also a candidate. He asked Legal if he could conduct the meeting and they confirmed that he can conduct the meeting. The Nominating Committee made their report at the committee meetings two weeks ago. They approved the candidate for the Office of President, which was himself and for the Office of Vice President, which was Karen Gabriel Moss.

#### Nominations and election for the Office of President

Rev. Lucas asked if there were any other nominations for President. There were none. He asked for a motion to close the nominations. It was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mr. Joyce. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed.

#### Nominations and election for the Office of Vice President

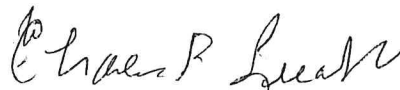
The Nominating Committee approved the candidate for the Office of Vice President at the Committee Meetings, which is Karen Gabriel Moss. He asked for a motion to close the nominations. It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Ms. Pellot. There were seven (7) ayes and one (1) opposed by Chief McCall.

Rev. Lucas acknowledged the Board, Executive Management Team and staff individually and thanked them for all of their work and support. He is happy that there have been three new ramps added to the rail since he has been on the Board. He thanked Marketing for the dedication of the plaque in honor of his father at Tower City. He especially thanked the Paratransit Department for their work. He thanked the operators for their work. He is appreciative of his appointment to the Board by Mayor Frank Jackson. Seventeen years ago after a surgery, a tumor was found on his spine, which

put him in a wheelchair. That's when he became a regular rider on the Paratransit. That's why it is a joy for him to serve on the Board. In 1968, his father Charles P. Lucas, Sr. was the first African American appointed to the Board by Mayor Anthony Celebrezze. He passed away in 1989. He hopes that his father is looking down on him today.

Ms. Moss thanked the Board for their support. She looks forward to serving with the Board and the public. RTA is on a good path. The agency is ready to go in a positive direction. She looks forward to in-person meetings to get to know new members. Ms. Birdsong thanked the newly elected officers and looks forward to working with them.

This meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.



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President

Attest:   
Interim Secretary-Treasurer