

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

10:31 a.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Committee Members: Lucas (Chair), Moss (Vice Chair), Byrne, Koomar, Pellot, Serrano, Weiss

Not present: Duarte, Joyce, McCall (virtual)

Staff: Benford, Birdsong, Burney, Catalusci, Caver, Coffey, Cottrell, Dangelo, Davidson, Dimmick, Fields, Gautam, Gettings, Ghanem, Johnson, Lively, Miller, Mothes, Muti, Petit, Sutula, Talley, Tarka, Togher, Walker-Minor

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The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. There were seven (7) committee members present.

This meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rideRTA) for staff and members of the public. Members of the public were allowed to attend in-person. Based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance to continue to avoid large events and gatherings and Ohio Department of Public Health advice that businesses and other entities may continue to require mitigation measures, as well as RTA's interest in protecting community and employee health and safety, several measures were put in place for in-person attendance, which are spelled out in the meeting notice.

Code Book Updates – Provisions in the Administration Part of Code

Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel II, made the presentation. The Code Book was codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176). They are currently conducting a review and update to bring the policies in line with current operations. These policies are subject to review and revision every 3 years. Redlines of all the proposed revisions were provided in the meeting package.

Today's review is of the following:

- Chapters 286 & 289 – Finance/Budget

There are two primary changes. One relates to the title of the Finance Division and the other relates to the location of the Budget Department within the organization. Since they recently created a new division called Administration and External Affairs, the term Administration will be removed from the title of the Finance Division. The Division of Finance and Administration will now be called the Finance Division. Similarly, in past years, the Office of Management and Budget used to be a separate department from the Finance Division. It's currently been moved into the Finance Division. They are proposing to remove Chapter 289, which established the Office of Management and Budget as a separate department.

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend these provisions to the Board of Trustees for approval. There were no questions. It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Mr. Serrano and approved to move this to the full Board. Ms. Moss thanked Dawn for all of her work and her work with updating the bylaws a few years back. President Lucas also thanked Dawn for her work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.


Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer


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