

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

9:33 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2020

**Committee Members:** Clough (Chair), Lucas (Vice-Chair), Bibb, Byrne, Joyce, McCall, Moss, Pellet, Serrano, Weiss

**Not present:** None

**Also Present:** Anderson, Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Burney, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Davis, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Kirkland, Lewis, Lively, Penning, Schipper, Shaffer, Sutula, Temming

Mayor Clough called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that ten (10) committee members were present. This meeting was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with House Bill 197 of the 133rd General Assembly, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on March 27, 2020, the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency and the April 30, 2020 order of the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Health prohibiting any gathering of ten (10) or more people. The meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rideRTA](http://www.facebook.com/rideRTA)) for staff and members of the public.

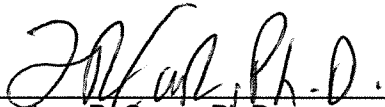
Code Book Update Project

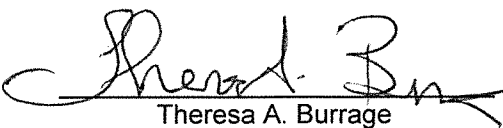
Joel Freilich, director of service management, made the presentation. This was discussed last month by him and Dawn Tarka of legal. Resolution No. 2020-68 was tabled by the Board due to concerns about the later stages of the proposal and the adjustments to be made to future fare increases. The Board gave direction that rather than adjust future fare increases, they prefer them to be repealed. The resolution has been revised today. On pages 3-6 of the redline, any fare adjustments later than the year 2020 have been stricken out. The effect of that is to rescind the system-wide fare increase including fixed route and Paratransit. It will rescind the fare increase originally scheduled by vote in 2016 to occur in 2018. It has been postponed by the Board in three stages out to 2021. This resolution would eliminate that. Further, voted in 2016, was a Paratransit only fare increase that was originally scheduled in 2019, the Board has three times postponed to 2022. With this new resolution, it would be rescinded.

Other aspects unchanged from last month documented in memorandum, which provides fare relief to customers that transfer and they update the Fares Code as presented on August 11 and communicated in memorandum last month. Those aspects gained Board favor. It is now the staff's recommendation that the Committee of the Whole recommend revised resolution 2020-68 to the Board of Trustees for consideration today at the Special Meeting of the Board.

Mayor Clough said this demonstrate the changes recommended at the last Board meeting and it does rescind the fare increases that were contained in this section of the Code 840. Rev. Lucas asked if the cash fare was going to stay at \$2.50 for paratransit. Joel said the cash fare is \$2.75 and has been that since 2017 and will remain at that level. The All-Day pass fare will decrease. It was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mr. Serrano to consider this at the Special Meeting scheduled today.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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

  
Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Secretary