

Minutes

RTA Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee Meeting

9:10 a.m., May 16, 2023

Committee Members: Moss (Vice Chair), Weiss, Welch

Other Board Members: Koomar, Lucas, Mersmann, Sleasman

Not present: Biasiotta, Joyce

Staff: Birdsong Terry, Burney, Cascarilla, Caver, Coffey, Dangelo, Davidson, Fields, Fleig, Freilich, Gautam, Harris, Jenkins, Kirkland, Miller, Mothes, Schipper, Walker-Minor, Woodford, Zimmerman

Public: Gibbons, Meissner, Welo

President Lucas stated that today is the first official day for the two new Board members, Calley Mersmann and Jeffrey Sleasman. They were welcomed by the Board. They thanked the staff for the smooth welcome and on boarding. Mayor Welo, former RTA board member thanked the staff and Board for their work during the pandemic and congratulated them for the rail car award of \$130M. She was a member of the Board when the Reserve Fund was established. She thanked the mayors for their service.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Three (3) committee members were present. Ms. Moss presided over the meeting in Mayor Biasiotta's absence.

Quarterly Management Report – 1st Quarter 2023

India Birdsong Terry, General Manager, Chief Executive Officer presented the report.

- Total Revenues: 3.1% higher than budget
 - Passenger Fares – 3.3% lower
 - Sales & Use Tax – 4.6% higher
 - Routine Revenues – 2.9% higher (Fares, Sales Tax, Other Revenue)
- Operating Expenses: 8.3% lower than budget
 - Total personnel costs: 9.6% lower than budget
 - Fuel hedging – continues to help stabilize costs
- Transfers to Other Funds
 - Reserve Fund:
 - \$10 million in Rolling Stock Reserve
 - \$878,615 in 27th Pay
 - Bond Retirement Fund:
 - \$1.0 million transferred
- Capital Expenditures
 - A majority of these expenses are in these three categories:
 - Bus Improvement Program, Facilities Improvement and Rail Projects

Some of the highlights for the quarter include the launch of the Microtransit Program in partnership with the City of Solon. A lot of work was done on advocacy including two hearings before the Ohio House Finance Committee and Ohio Senate Transportation Committee. Several programs and volunteer events were held in recognition of Women's History Month. Rev. Lucas and Ms. Moss were approved at the Annual Meeting to serve in their positions as President and Vice President for one more year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant