

Minutes

RTA Special Board of Trustees Meeting
9:01 a.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Present: Clough (Vice Chair), Elkins, Lucas, McCall, Moss, Nardi, Norton, Serrano, Welo

Not present: None

Also present: Anderson, Benford, Bitto, Burney, Calabrese, Caver, Cranford, Feliciano, Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Hampton, Johnson, Kirchmeir, Krecic, Raguz, Schipper, Scott, Sutula, Pinkney-Butts, Zeller

Mayor Clough called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that eight (8) Board members were present. Mr. Norton arrived after the roll call.

The Secretary advised that notice of this meeting has 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.

Mayor Clough read the following statement:

- Good morning. As you may know, the Board of Trustees had a retreat scheduled for today, but in light of the situation with our former board colleague, George Dixon, we've called this special session instead, to continue dealing with this issue.
- To briefly recap the situation, last week on Thursday, the Board requested, and received, Mr. Dixon's resignation after we learned that, for years, Mr. Dixon failed to pay healthcare premiums for his insurance provided by RTA.
- For those of you who aren't familiar, RTA is self-insured. As a courtesy, the RTA health care plan is offered to board members, who, like everyone here, must pay a monthly premium.
- We launched an internal investigation under the direction of outside counsel who will report directly to the Board of Trustees. That investigation is ongoing, and we will refer our findings to the appropriate authorities as needed.
- As a point of information, no other trustees on the board right now are enrolled in the RTA healthcare plan.
- We have many, many questions, and we intend to get to the bottom of this.
 - We want to know how this slipped under the radar for so many years.
 - We want to know bottom line numbers: how much total did Mr. Dixon's unpaid premiums and medical procedures cost RTA?
- I can promise the community this: we intend to aggressively pursue full restitution.
- It's our fiduciary responsibility as a board. It's our responsibility to every employee here, and it's our responsibility to the community that supports the RTA.

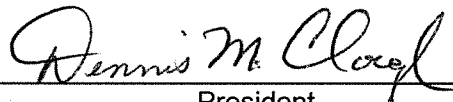
- I know members of the media attending today will have questions, but because this is an active investigation, we can't go into any more detail.
- We want to be totally transparent as this investigation unfolds. We're going to get answers, and when we do, we're going to share them with the community as quickly as we can. Thank you.

Old Business

- 9:05 a.m. - Executive Session Requested – Mayor Clough requested a motion to enter executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public official – It was moved by Mayor Elkins, seconded by Chief McCall. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed to go into executive session. Once they come out of executive session, the meeting will reconvene and if there is action, they will take it. If no action is required, they will adjourn.
- 12:12 p.m. - Mayor Clough asked for a motion to come out of executive session. It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Mayor Welo. There were seven (7) ayes and one (1) opposition from Mr. Norton. Mayor Elkins had to leave prior to the roll call.

Mayor Clough said they received additional information concerning the investigation. The investigation continues. When there is a decision to be made, they will make those to protect the integrity of the board and the RTA. In addition, they will cancel the April 17 meeting. If there is a need for another meeting, they will provide notice. It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Rev. Lucas to cancel the April 17 board and committee meetings and move the Annual Meeting to May 15. There will also be a regular board meeting May 15. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer