



MEETING: COTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LOCATION: COTA – WG PORTER BOARDROOM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Craig Treneff, Chair
Marlon Moore, Vice Chair
Lori Elmore
Jennifer Gallagher
Sean Mentel
Doug McCollough
Raja Sundararajan
Shannon Tolliver
Kumi Walker

Board Members Excused

Trudy Bartley
Julie Colley
Tim Skinner

3. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

A. DECEMBER 14, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

4. COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Seal Russell with Sunrise Columbus expressed they would like to see COTA increase electrification, service hours and frequency. Seal also demanded that COTA go fare free and advised concerns over any future plans for COTA to go cashless.

Joseph Glandorf with Sunrise Columbus advocated for COTA to go fare free, references a past study that they believe showed this initiative would be effective and referenced similar pilot programs in other cities. Joseph demanded COTA go fare free for a 2-month pilot and publicly post the results by July 1, 2023.





5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pinkerton expressed thanks and appreciation for COTA employees during a time of many external factors including climate change, national workforce shortages, social justice and inflation.

President Pinkerton also shared highlights from 2022 including: student pass programs, Zoo Bus, low-income assistance program, launching the Risk Assessment Specialist team, creation of a LinkUS financial model, passing of state legislation to support Transit Supportive Infrastructure, continued McKinley renovations, additional funding secured for Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center, launch of COTA's PRIDE ERG and many more.

President Pinkerton also highlighted that 2023 will continue to be a customer and employee focused year with COTA investing in the following: additional COTA//Plus Zone, cybersecurity investments, domestic partner benefits, employee reward program and continued investment in recruiting valued frontline employees.

6. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – CRAIG TRENEFF, CHAIR

- A. 2022/2023 PIC PRESENTATION – SOPHIA MOHR, CHIEF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY OFFICER & ERIN DELFFS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
- B. RESOLUTION 2023-01 APPROVING THE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION PAYOUT FOR THE 2022 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION (PIC) PROGRAM
- C. RESOLUTION 2023-02 APPROVING THE 2023 PERFORMANCE GOALS FOR COTA'S PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION (PIC) PROGRAM

7. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – MARLON MOORE, CHAIR

Chair Moore shared that the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee did not meet in January.

8. EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – SEAN MENTEL, CHAIR

Chair Mentel shared that the External Stakeholder Relations Committee did not meet in January.

9. PERFORMANCE MONITORING/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – ERIN DELFFS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Erin Delffs, Chief Financial Officer, shared that the Performance Monitoring/Audit Committee did not meet in January.





10. OTHER BUSINESS

President Pinkerton announced that Erin Delffs has been selected as COTA's Chief Financial Officer.

Chair Treneff welcomed OSU Fellow, Trustee Zach Clark.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Treneff asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sundararajan motioned. Vice Chair Moore seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- A. RESOLUTION 2023-03 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BRC (BIG RIG COLLISION GROUP) FOR THE REPAIR OF ACCIDENT DAMAGE ON FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT VEHICLES
- B. RESOLUTION 2023-04 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AECOM FOR WEST BROAD ST HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR DETAILED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Trustee Gallagher abstained.

- C. RESOLUTION 2023-05 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH R.W. SETTERLIN BUILDING COMPANY FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF NEW HVAC EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIELDS AVENUE FACILITY DATA CENTER
- D. RESOLUTION 2023-06 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VAUGHN INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BATTERY ELECTRIC BUS INFRASTRUCTURE AT COTA'S MCKINLEY FACILITY

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: ORC 121.22(G)(1) TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION, DEMOTION OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL, AND ORC 121.22(G)(6) TO DISCUSS MATTER RELATED TO SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

Chair Treneff asked for a motion to enter into executive session for the following purposes: ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, and ORC 121.22(G)(6) to discuss matter related to security arrangements and emergency response protocols. Trustee Walker motioned. Trustee Mentel seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to enter into executive session at 9:46 AM.

Executive Session ended at 10:14 AM

13. MEETING SCHEDULE





- STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 9:00 AM
- EXTERNAL/STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 3:00 PM
- PERFORMANCE MONITORING/AUDIT COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, MARCH 9 | 2:00 PM
- GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, MARCH 9 | 4:00 PM
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 | 9:00 AM

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Moore motioned to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Sundararajan seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Adopted: _____ March 22, 2023 _____

Signed: DocuSigned by:
Craig Treneff

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest: DocuSigned by:
Joanna M. Pinkerton

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President/CEO

