TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
130 Knapp Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
5/21/2026 | 4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by President Kendra Smith at 4:00pm.

Roll call- Trustees Present: Kendra Smith, Joel Beren, Brittany Ford, Gary Gonya, Matthew Killam, Mary Morrison, Dr. W. L. Perryman, Karen Poore, Zach Schmidt, Lou Thomson (remote), Dr. Tiffany Whitman.

Trustees Absent: Dr. Heather Baker

Officers Present: Laura Koprowski, CEO, James Karasek, CFO, Stephen Hartman, General Counsel, and Rick Bailey, Deputy CEO

Approval of the minutes- President Kendra Smith called for a **motion** to approve the previous meeting minutes on April 16, 2026. Mary Morrison made a **motion** and Gary Gonya seconded the **motion**. It passed unanimously.

Public Comment- Cindy Shunk provided a public comment about her experience with Via Services, TARTA's third-party provider of paratransit services. Ms. Shunk has been a customer of TARTA Move for twenty-five years and stated the service has always been very accommodating. According to Ms. Shunk Via is another story: Via is not a viable transportation solution because their drivers are often not on time, don't always follow ADA door to door policy, and are not always accommodating. She stated that Via can't be counted on to get her home especially when she has appointments or other obligations.

Recognitions- Golden Recognition 2026 Service Change; Gary Doran, Manager Planning and Service Development, Becky Eby, Mobility Planner and Scheduler, and Sara McCleary, Mobility Planner and Scheduler. Susan Gettum, Chief Planning & Program Officer, presented the Golden Recognition Awards following her reading of the nominations that earned these awards. President Kendra Smith followed by expressing her gratitude and appreciation as well.

Presentations- Performance Management Program Update 2026 1st Quarter; Laura Koprowski, CEO, Susan Gettum Chief Planning & Program Officer and other members of the TARTA Leadership Team provided an overview of the update for the Performance Management Program 2026 First Quarter.

Report from the Finance Committee- Dr. Perryman provided an overview of the Finance Committee minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2026.

Report from the Strategic & Operational Planning Committee- Zachary Schmidt gave an overview of the minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2026.

Report from the Policy Committee – Brittany Ford gave an overview of the minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2026.

Resolutions-
Resolution No. 11-26, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXEUCTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO SECURE FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES. A **motion** was made by Mary Morrison and seconded by Gary Gonya. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-26, TICKET VENDING MACHINES. A **motion** was made by Dr. Perryman and seconded by Brittany Ford. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 13-26, SECURITY SERVICES. A **motion** was made by Joel Beren and seconded by Gary Gonya. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 14-26, PROCUREMENT POLICY. A **motion** was made by Mary Morrison and seconded by Dr. Perryman. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-26, CYBER SECURITY POLICY. A **motion** was made by Gary Gonya and seconded by Karen Poore. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 16-26, TITLE VI COMPLAINT POLICY AND PROCEDURE. A **motion** was made by Mary Morrison and Gary Gonya. It passed unanimously.

Secretary Treasurer- James Karasek, CFO gave an overview of the March Financial Statements the key points being Microtransit was over budget due to timing of our annual NeoRide VIA technology fees, IT was over budget due to timing of our annual computer hardware placement purchase, March Sales Tax was $4.32 million dollars compared to March 2025 of $4.24million dollars. April Sales Tax was $3.23 million dollars compared to April 2025 of $3.16 million dollars, and TARTA had negative Investment Income of $15,499, caused by market valuation loss as a result of the conflict in Iran, and subsequent fears of inflation due to the oil supply chain being disrupted.

CEO Report- Laura Koprowski, CEO provided a recap of the Bus Operator Apprenticeship Program. She highlighted the APTA Mobility Conference and TARTA 2026 Roadeo Champion David Keriko also provided comments about competing at a national level. TARTA's first Legislative Day is taking place on June 15, 2026, from 10 AM to 12 PM. TARTA will receive $600,000 from ODOT for the Mobility Management Program improvements at the downtown Transit Hub and $30,000 for the Youth Summer Blast Pass from the John Henry Eldred Foundation. In closing, LITE Funding project submissions due June 12th.

Vice President- Vice President Morrison commented that TARTA's Drive the Bus recruiting event was great. She also complimented the BRT presentation that took place on May 14.She ended her comments by thanking Board Members for their service.

President Report- TARTA's annual Fall Board retreat will be coming up, and dates will be sent out shortly for Board Members to select their availability. The Fall Retreat will be at the Toledo-Lucas County downtown main public library again. Also, President Smith will be sending out confirmations for Board Members to attend public transit conferences throughout this year.

Any and All Other Business

Meeting Calendar- The next regularly scheduled TARTA Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the TARTA board room at 130 Knapp St. Toledo, OH 43604.

Adjournment- Mary Morrison made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Gary Gonya. **Motion** passed unanimously and was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Certificate of Compliance

I hereby certify that all members of the Board of Trustees were given notice of the foregoing in person, by telephone, mail, or email more than 48 hours before the meeting.

James Karasek
Secretary-
Treasurer

Adopted:

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James Karasek

Secretary-Treasurer

For questions, additional information regarding the TARTA Board of Trustees or if you require special assistance, please contact Marina McCormick, Executive Assistant at mmccormick@tarta.com or 419.720.8877.