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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6/18/2026 | 4:00 p.m.

ZOOM LINK FOR THE PUBLIC

AGENDA

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

Roll call- Trustees Mary Morrison, Joel Beren, Gary Gonya, Dr. W. L. Perryman, Karen Poore, Zach Schmidt, Lou Thomson, Dr. Heather Baker.

Trustees Absent- Kendra Smith, Brittany Ford, Dr. Tiffany Whitman, and Matt Killam.

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

Approval of the minutes-

Vice President Mary Morrison asked for a **motion** to approve the meeting minute from May 21, 2026, and June 11, 2026. Bud Thomson made a **motion,** and Gary Gonya seconded it. Joel Beren abstained.

Public Comment- Public comments from mother (Adrianne Chasteen) and son (John Soovagian) about the services VIA has given and how disappointed the service was in being compliant to the ADA policy. Elias Pratt operations manager for VIA also added follow up comments.

Presentations- Third Party Provider- TARTA Move; Sam Melden, Chief Communications & Customer Experience Officer provided an update about how VIA has performed over the first two years of their contract. Highlighting that rides and on time performance continue to increase, and at the same time complaints have decreased.

Report from the Finance Committee- Dr. Perryman provided an overview of the Finance Committee minutes from the meeting on June 11, 2026.

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Resolutions-
Amended Resolution No. 36-23, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 36-23 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES PROVIDED BY TAYLOR OSWALD LLC. A **motion** was made by Joel Beren and seconded by Bud Thomson. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 18-26, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GUARDIAN FOR ANCILLARY BENEFITS RENEWAL AND VISION INSURANCE FOR THE 2026 and 2027 BENEFIT YEAR. A **motion** was made by Dr. Perryman and seconded by Bud Thomson. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 19-26, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIX (6) TESCO FRONTRUNNER LIFT EQUIPPED FLEX TRANSIT VEHICLES. A **motion** was made by Bud Thomson and seconded by Karen Poore. It passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 20-26, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR TWO (2) GILLIG 35-FOOT BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES. A **motion** was made by Gary Gonya and seconded by Bud Thomson. It passed unanimously.

Amended Resolution No. 46-25, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND RESOLUTION 46-25 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CONTINGENCY PERCENTAGE FROM 15% TO 25% TO SUPPORT BROADER PLANNING NEEDS. A **motion** was made by Bud Thomson and seconded by Dr. Heather Baker. It passed unanimously.

Secretary Treasurer- James Karasek, CFO gave an overview of the April 2026 Financial Statements. Cash and Investments remain strong at $58.8 million. Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable are lower than last year due to the large diesel bus purchase in 2025. Capital Assets not being depreciated is less than last year due to the large Central Avenue apron and parking lot project last year. Safety was over budget due to timing of security services invoices. Human Resources was over budget due to workers' compensation being higher than budget. Workforce Development was over budget due to a departmental reclass of professional education services from HR. April Sales Tax was $3.23 million dollars compared to April 2025 of $3.16 million dollars. May Sales Tax was $3.43 million dollars compared to May 2025 of $3.17 million dollars. TARTA had $148,347 in Investment Income.

CEO Report- Laura Koprowski, CEO presented the CEO report with main points being a recap of TARTA's First Annual Legislative Day, TARTA's upcoming participation in the Juneteenth Parade, and the 21st Annual African American breakfast and parade which will recognize Laura Koprowski, CEO, TARTA team members visited the Indianapolis IndyGo transit system to learn firsthand about their Bus Rapid Transit service, , and the U.S. D.O.T Deputy Assistant Secretary Melissas Newton and White House Liaison Stephen Walling's visit

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to TARTA. Laura also provided updates about ridership from January through May, and the early success of the Youth Summer Blast Pass program.

Vice President- Mary Morrison commended Laura about her remarks for the Youth Summer Blast Pass and thanked the board for their service.

President Report – No report shared.

Any and All Other Business – No additional business discussed.

Meeting Calendar- The next regularly scheduled TARTA Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the TARTA board room at 130 Knapp St. Toledo, OH 43604.

Adjournment- Bud Thomson made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Joel Beren. **Motion** passed unanimously and was adjourned at 5:07 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

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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.