



TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mary Morrison, Michael Hart, Willie Perryman, Kathy Selking, Sophie Givyan-Kermani, Charles Odimgbe, Daniel Hunt

Ms. Morrison called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Voter Ready with TARTA, Daniel Hunt, Mobility Manager

TARTA will offer free fares on all services – fixed route, Call-A-Ride and TARPS on Election Day, November 8th in an effort to make voting more accessible to the community.

A comprehensive list of all voting locations will be available through customer service. Customers may also use their mobility apps to plan trips to the polling places.

Mr. Hart suggested that a link to the Board of Elections website be included on the TARTA website. This would assist customers in determining their voting location.

Free fares on Election Day will be posted at the HUB, Ability Center, Area Office on Aging, TARTA website, social media and via press release.

Mr. Hart made a motion to recommend Resolution No. 62-22 authorizing free fare on Election Day, November 8, 2022, be brought to the full Board for approval at the October 20, 2022, meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Perryman. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perryman discussed the possibility of TARTA providing free service on “Souls to the Polls” Sunday from area churches to polling locations for early voting.

Mr. Odimgbe reviewed the policy outlining special event transportation.

Mr. Perryman withdrew his request for this year but would like to revisit this in the future.

University of Toledo Contract, Charles Odimgbe, Chief Operations Officer

TARTA has been providing transportation for UT students for some time. During the COVID pandemic the contract was modified. Talks continued for nearly one year, however, no agreement was reached on a cost per hour for TARTA to provide the service. UT is currently requesting to terminate the contract.

Mr. Hart made a motion to support the CEO's position to continue the contract to the end of the 2022 fall semester. It was seconded by Ms. Selking. Ms. Morrison abstained. The motion passed.

Review Governmental Budget Procedures, Sophie Givyan-Kermani, Chief Financial Officer

In 1990 rules were established regarding budgeting federal dollars. In response to this the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting has established a framework of principles that outline the goals of the budget process. The primary purpose of the budget is to use public funds to address the community's needs in the most efficient manner. When funds are allocated to various programs, they must identify the needs and values of the community. Additionally, strategic planning, including immediate and long-term goals, must be reflected in the budget as well any obstacles along the way. The goals and objectives must then be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the current budget as well as future goal setting.

Mr. Perryman requested that TARTA consider the use of a credit union for their banking needs.

Ms. Givinan-Kermani replied that the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) prohibits governmental entities from banking at credit unions. She will provide the Board with the chapter from the ORC where this is referenced.

Ms. Morrison asked that committee members please confirm their attendance at committee meetings.

There was no other business to discuss. Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Ms. Selking. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.