



TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
130 KNAPP STREET, TOLEDO, OHIO 43604

August 15, 2024 | 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Call to Order – At 4:00 p.m. President Mary Morrison called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Heather Baker (virtual), Joel Beren, Valerie Fatica, Brittany Ford, Gary Gonya, Tarik Kadri, Mary Morrison, W. L. Perryman, Lou Thomson, Kevin Weakes and Tiffany Whitman.

Trustees Absent: Kendra Smith.

Officers Present: Laura Koprowski – CEO, James Karasek – Secretary-Treasurer, Stephen Hartman – General Counsel

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A **motion** was made by Lou Thomson and **seconded** by Tiffany Whitman to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments – There were none.

Recognitions

The TARTA Board and Staff honored former TARTA Board member, Michael Hart, Lucas County.

A **motion** was made by Lou Thomson and **seconded** by Brittany Ford to adopt *Resolution No. 49-24, COMMENDING MICHAEL HART FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF LUCAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD*. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

Performance Management Program – Q2 Update, Ehren Bingaman, TransPro Consulting. The Presentation is included in the board packet.

Brittany Ford asked which TARTA Board Committee will be responsible for reviewing the 2025 Success Outcomes. President Mary Morrison stated that all committees will have the opportunity to review and discuss 2025 Success Outcomes.

Finance Committee

The committee met on 08-08-24 and reviewed a presentation about Account Based Ticketing and Smart Cards. Additionally, the committee discussed the layout and format of the Income Statements.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

James Karasek reported that June sales tax was \$3.741 million dollars and July sales tax was 3.589 million dollars. He shared in comparison; 2023 June sales tax was \$3.548 million dollars and 2023 July sales tax was \$3.339 million dollars. Additionally, he shared that grant draws for June were moved to July. In June TARTA had \$178,807 in interest income and operating net gain was \$715,934 and \$3,216,253 year to date.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Laura shared that the July ridership has been the highest all year with an increase of 40,000 rides compared to July 2023. She shared that TARTA staff will provide an in-depth presentation of Route 2 ridership. Laura reported on TARTA's recent involvement in Toledo Jeep Fest with 306 rides and Glass City Jazz Fest with 372 rides. She mentioned TARTA's upcoming Community Event on November 14, 2024 from 9am - 10am, inviting all Board Members to attend and invite guests to join them. Sam Melden asked Board Members to consider filling a table of attendees for the community update. Laura mentioned that TARTA is participating in the Nation Pledge: Week Without Driving. She shared that there will be a press conference with community partners sharing about their involvement with this pledge. Lastly, she thanked the Board for approving the RISE Tuition Reimbursement Program which we already have interest from 5 members of the team.

Vice President Report - Nothing to report.

President Report

Mary Morrison thanked the board for attending the board retreat. She shared about the last Community Advisory Committee and commended Susan Gettum for guiding and facilitating the group. Lou Thomson encourages other board members to attend the Community Advisory Committee meetings to hear direct feedback from TARTA riders. Mary continued by reminding the board to share their interests in attending 2025 APTA conferences.

Reports and Communications from Trustees

Any and All Other Business

James Karasek shared a report on TARTA's historical sales tax. He mentioned that sales tax is trending higher from last year.

Meeting Calendar

The next regularly scheduled TARTA Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at 130 Knapp Street.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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:

James Karasek
Secretary-Treasurer

Mary Morrison
President