

Minutes

RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

10:55 a.m., May 14, 2019

Board: Clough (Chair), Lucas (Vice Chair), Bibb, Byrne, Joyce, McCall, Moss, Welo

Not present: Serrano

Also Present: Anderson, Astolfi, Becker, Benford, Bitto, Boylan, Brooks-Williams, Burney, Catalusci, Caver, Cottrell, Cranford, Dietrich, Faith, Ferraro, Fields, Flannery, Finnerty, Gautam, Gibbons, Gray (D), Gray (M), Harris, Houston, Jaszczak, Keshtkaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lewis, Lively, Loh, Manning, Ortega, Peganoff, Pinkney-Butts, Ponder, Ross, Schipper, Shaffer, Shariff, Sims, Singh, Stocking, Sutula, Temming, Togher, Uhas, Vukmanic, Wiehe, Wilson, Winn, Young, Zeller

Mayor Clough called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that eight (8) board members were present.

The Secretary advised that notice of this meeting has been posted more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting, that the usual notification has been given the news media and other interested persons, and that all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules and Bylaws of this Board regarding notice of meeting have been complied with.

Affidavit

Board member Justin M. Bibb requested that the following affidavit explaining his relationship with KeyCorp and its subsidiaries be entered into as a matter of record in the minutes. This affidavit is submitted to the GCRTA Board of Trustees in this public setting in the interest of transparency and full disclosure.

State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga County

- I. I, Justin Bibb, having been duly cautioned and sworn hereby state the following based upon personal knowledge:
 1. I, Justin Bibb, am a member of the Board of Trustees with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
 2. I, Justin Bibb, am also an employee of KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank") and serve as a Vice President of Corporate Strategy.
 3. KeyBank is a subsidiary of KeyCorp.
 4. I, Justin Bibb, am not an officer or employee of KeyCorp.
 5. I, Justin Bibb, own stock in KeyCorp, which represents less than .1% of the outstanding shares of that company.
 6. In connection with my commencement of service on Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, I, Justin Bibb am providing notice of my association with KeyBank, and plan to withdraw from all decisions and deliberations related in any manner to matters related to my employer.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Justin M. Bibb

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 8th day of March, 2019.

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Mayor Clough stated that the minutes from the April 16, 2019 Board Meeting had been previously distributed and reviewed and asked whether there were any additions and/or corrections. The minutes were approved.

Invitation for public comment on agenda matters – (2 minutes)

1. George Zeller – Cleveland, OH – Concerning Resolution B, the escalator service is poor. The Triskett platform elevator is down 15% of the time. It was down this morning. The Tower City escalators are often out of order. RTA and City of Cleveland is maladministrating the elevators. The current contractor is Kone. Dr. Caver said the elevators are up 95% of the time. The staff is responsive and monitors the situation. Chief McCall said the real time monitoring and response schedule mentioned in the committee meeting should help.
2. Loh – Cleveland, OH – Concerning Resolution B, she asked what the other two firms for the elevator, escalator contract proposed. Dr. Caver said they went through a RFP process. The evaluation panel interviewed all three proposers and are confident that Kone, Inc. is the best firm. Mr. Joyce added that all three firms were leaders in the industry. He is confident in the evaluation panel's decision.

Committee Reports

Mr. Bibb said the CAC is waiting for the candidate background checks for the proposed nine (9) new members.

Introduction of New Employees/Promotions

This will be postponed until the next meeting.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

No report.

Introduction of Resolutions

- A. 2019-45 – Authorizing Contract No. 2018-36 with the Wabtec Rubber Products, Inc. for the furnishing of Chevron Axle Springs, as specified and as required, for a period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$273,000.00 (General Fund, Fleet Management Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. 2019-46 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-2 with Kone, Inc. to provide elevator, escalator and lift maintenance and repair services, for a base period of three years in an amount NTE \$2,680,000.00 with two, one-year options in amounts NTE \$952,000.00 and \$984,000.00 respectively, for a total contract amount NTE \$4,616,000.00 for five years (General Fund, Asset & Configuration Management Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Chief McCall and approved by unanimous vote.

- C. 2019-47 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-013 with Michael Baker International, Inc. for Project 27Y – Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of the Cuyahoga Viaduct in an amount not to exceed \$446,226.00 (RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mr. Bibb and approved by unanimous vote.
- D. 2019-48 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-017 with Mott MacDonald, LLC for Project 24U – Signal Engineering Services for the E. 79th St. Station in an amount not to exceed \$194,118.00 (RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mayor Welo and approved by unanimous vote.
- E. 2019-49 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-023 with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. to provide federal advocacy services for a three year period in an amount not to exceed \$303,000.00 and in an amount not to exceed \$115,400.00 for each option year, for a total five year contract amount not to exceed \$533,800.00 (General Fund, Executive Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mr. Joyce.

Ms. Moss asked what the impact would be if this was tabled for a month. Dr. Caver said it would push back the opportunity to engage. RTA currently does not have a DC lobbyist. Other board members added that a major infrastructure bill is in negotiations. RTA is one of few agencies not getting their voices heard regarding this bill. The window is small to use funding for rail cars.

Ms. Moss asked for a roll call. There were seven (7) ayes and one oppose by Ms. Moss. It passed.

- F. 2019-50 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-035 with the Aftermarket Parts Co., LLC, for the furnishing of up to four dual power inverter modules, as specified and as required, for a period of two (2) years in an amount not to exceed \$216,259.96 (General Fund, Fleet Management Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Bibb and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Caver added that this part is unique to the diesel hybrid on the HealthLine, It inverts the DC voltage to AC voltage to drive the transmission on the vehicle.

- G. 2019-51 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-038 with Petrochoice, LLC, for the furnishing of engine oil, as specified and as required, for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$257,703.75 (General Fund, Fleet Management Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mayor Byrne and approved by unanimous vote.
- H. 2019-52 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-056 with Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC. DBA Trillium CNG for the removal of 3 non-compatible CNG fuel dispensers and the purchase and installation of 3 Tulsa gas technology CNG fuel dispensers, in an amount not to exceed \$252,300.00 (RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mr. Bibb, seconded by Chief McCall and approved by unanimous vote.

These items are linked to the Hayden District CNG fueling station. The current fuel dispensers are not working. The previous vendor left the market. This will be with Tulsa

Gas who is a national leader in CNG fuel and dispensers. It's a specialized part that can be read through a computer so it can regulate the flow of gas.

- I. 2019-53 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-064 with Enterprise Fleet Management for the purchase of 49 leased non-revenue vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$204,057.00 (RTA Capital Fund, Fleet Management Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mr. Bibb and approved by unanimous vote.

Rev. Lucas asked why vehicles are being leased versus purchasing. Dr. Caver said the the capital funds were not available to purchase the cars. Several of the cars were old. The cars would cost \$40,000 a vehicle. Leasing provided for a lower cash flow. On average the cost of the cars is \$4,000 for 50 cars. The cars are out of the lease. This is the residual price. This will allow the Authority to keep the cars.

- J. 2019-54 – Authorizing Contract No. 2019-69 with CDW Government LLC to provide wireless mobile router equipment, software, and maintenance through the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$203,666.00 (RTA Development Fund, Intelligent Transportation Systems Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mayor Welo and approved by unanimous vote.

The radio replacement program has been presented to the board since last November. This will allow wireless communication between the vehicle and data center. This summer, the proof of concept will run for three months. This fall, if the testing goes well, all of the radios will be placed in the buses first. The program will go through this time next year to complete.

- K. 2019-55 – Making appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Capital Improvement Budget for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority during Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020, the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Chief McCall and approved by unanimous vote.
- L. 2019-56 – Approving the Authority's 2019 Rail System Safety Program Plan (RSSPP), the adoption of which was moved by Chief McCall, seconded by Mr. Bibb and approved by unanimous vote.
- M. 2019-57 - Expressing sincere appreciation to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and authorizing the Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to accept a grant from the Museum for \$75,000, for the purpose of sponsoring a free RTA Day on June 22, 2019, the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mayor Byrne. Chief McCall requested to recuse because of her connection to the City of Cleveland.

There were seven (7) ayes and one (1) recuse by Chief McCall. It passed.

Mayor Clough added that most of the resolutions went through committee. The Board is able to ask questions ahead of time about items that don't go through committee.

Interim General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Dr. Caver presented the report. The April sales tax was up 1%, but YTD through March is \$2 million more than budget or a 3% increase. Passenger fares was budgeted at \$13.9 million. We've received

\$1.6 million less than that. Ridership is decreasing, but the budget numbers are expected to be reached. Some aggregate purchasing will help increase the speed of the revenue collections. Ridership for April 2019 is down 4% from April 2018. It's a smaller decrease than in the past, but it's an 8% ridership reduction YTD, which is following a national trend. There have been several community meetings looking at the system redesign. The consultant presented a high frequency ridership based design and a coverage based design. This will help create ways to drive ridership and balance the system. The E. 116th Street Station is open. The Farnsleigh ribbon cutting is May 30. Rev. Lucas will be the MC. This week is the groundbreaking for the Red Line west rehabilitation at the Brookpark yard. Mr. Joyce will MC that event. Local legislative leaders are invited. A ballast car and locomotive will be on display.

The House voted 85-9 to pass the transportation bill to the Senate. It will go through the Senate Finance Committee. Staff is working with the Ohio Public Transportation agency to be a priority within the general fund budget. Eight of 18 community meetings have been held to discuss the initial findings of the fare equity study and the system redesign. A survey is online and electronic options and paper copies are at each meeting. The search for funding for rail cars continues. Case Western Reserve Student Government approved their first U-pass price increase since 2001. The price for them will increase 50% and then incrementally over the next 5 years to \$47.50. The survey found that 47% of CWRU students ride the service at least once per week. RTA was awarded the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation for efforts in preventing accidents in the workplace. RTA will receive the APTA Gold Award for Security at the APTA Bus Conference in Louisville, KY. Last year, RTA received an award from APTA for Bus Safety.

Ms. Moss asked if RTA uses an advocacy consultant on a state level. Dr. Caver said historically there has not been a local advocacy group. The Authority has used OPTA, which have lobbyist that have worked on behalf of the State. They have been helpful. But much of the work has been done by himself, Mike Schipper, Eric Johnson and Jose Feliciano. He recommended the Board hire a State firm. Things move quickly so someone needs to be there locally at the State Capital. She asked how the money will be divided and if RTA is at the table. Dr. Caver said that RTA is at the table. ODOT has committed to come back to OPTA to discuss ways to divide up the funds. He plans to meet with OPTA this week. Request have been made and the staff is engaged. ODOT asked RTA if they could spend the money if funds were increased. Since RTA has shovel ready projects, the money can always be spent. RTA can spend up to \$20 million on track and infrastructure work. Historically RTA has received 1/3 of the funds, but RTA is projected to get 25%. RTA is the only system in Ohio with rail. RTA should receive \$16 million for capital.

Questions or comments from the audience (2 minutes)

1. Akshai Singh – Cleveland Hts, OH – CPT is working with Rep. Skindell and Policy Matters Ohio on the Transportation Budget. ODOT is not being truthful. It's good news that RTA should receive \$17-\$18 million. He plans to attend a RTA public meeting in Cleveland Heights today. There has been progress in planning out the fare relief. Local opportunities need to be looked at. Focus needs to stay on RTA service. Neither of the system redesign scenarios are great. Frequency and coverage is needed to meet job needs. The Lyft and Uber IPOs have tanked. Rideshare can't be relied on.
2. George Zeller – Cleveland, OH – This month's sales tax figures are not available yet. The State funding amount is still uncertain. The sales tax is still weak. A lot of revisions regarding the finances has to be on the table.
3. Debra Gray – Cleveland, OH – She thanked RTA for holding the system/fare equity public meetings. She attended the public meeting at Murtis Taylor. The alternatives presented need

to be merged. A lot of work is needed on the bus routes. A number of people don't know about the online survey and other meetings. More meetings are needed in the evening. How can paper surveys be distributed? Dr. Caver mentioned that the meeting schedule is announced on the vehicles. The community centers provided input on the best time to schedule meetings. Most locations had afternoon and evening meetings. He will look at getting paper copies distributed.

4. Loh – Cleveland, OH – She likes that the surveys are in paper, online and in Spanish. Marketing should advertise the meetings earlier. Paper surveys should be on the buses.
5. Brian Gibbons – Fairview Park, OH – He agreed with Debra and Loh. It takes 35 mentions for people to know what is going on. The RTA survey needs more feedback according to the consultant. When the meetings are brought around again, there needs to be outreach to religious, civic, social, business and neighborhood groups to make sure the input is received.

Executive Session Requested

11:50 a.m. - Mayor Clough asked for a motion to go into executive session to review the negotiations concerning the compensation/terms and conditions of employment for GCRTA union employees. It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Mayor Welo. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed. Mr. Bibb and Ms. McCall had to leave.

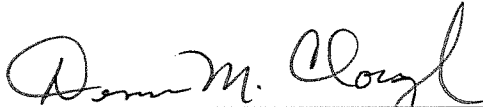
12:10 p.m. It was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Rev. Lucas to come out of executive session. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed.

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 in the Board Room of the Authority, Root-McBride Building, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

This meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest: 
Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



President