

Minutes

RTA Governance Committee Meeting

10:20 a.m., June 4, 2019

Committee: Clough (Chair), Lucas (Vice Chair), McCall, Moss, Welo

Other Board members: Bibb, Byrne, Joyce, Serrano

Not present: None

Also Present: Astolfi, Benford, Bitto, Bober, Burney, Catalusci, Caver, Cottrell, Cranford, Dangelo, Davis (C), Davis (J), Dietrich, Farmeric, Feke, Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Gay, Gibbons, Jaszczak, Jones, Keshtkaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lewis, Lively, Lyons-Statler, Macver, McGervey, Opett, Penning, Ponder, Rosenberger, Schipper, Schultz, Scott, Smith, Statler, Stocking, Sutula, Suty, Tarka, Tarter, Togher, Vukmanic, Washington, Weil, Wilson, Zeller

Mayor Clough called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that five (5) committee members were present. The discussion on the partnership with Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) and proposed discounted fare program was **POSTPONED**.

Fare Code Amendment

Dawn Tarka, associate counsel II made the presentation. A few months ago there was a discussion on the fare code amendment to clarify language related to the ability of the General Manager to offer free and/or reduced rates for special events. The board gave some suggestions on changes. This will allow the GM to offer free and reduced rate fares for special events. A redline of the changes and a clean copy of the code is at the board's place.

They initially looked at three provisions in the Code. The authority to offer temporary promotional fares is located in sections 840.12, 840.20 and 1066.01. All three sections have to be revised. The sections are out of date and not consistent with how RTA operates today. They propose in the revision to repeal Sections 840.20 and 1066.01, but to include the content in 840.12. The current language says the GM can offer either complimentary fares, free fares for a 24 hour period or discounted fares up to 50% for 60 days. The proposal is to amend Section 840.12, which includes the entire section and repeals the other two sections. That will result in a provision that allows the GM to offer complimentary fares for up to a 60 day period. It does not remove the ability to offer discounted fares. There were two concerns raised at the April 16, 2019 Governance Committee Meeting. In the version that was discussed at that time they had shortened the 60 day period to 30 days. Today's section was changed back to 30 days. There was also concern that they eliminated the reference to community sponsored events. She worked that language back into Section 840.12 (a).

Staff recommends the Governance Committee recommends this provision to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chief McCall said this satisfies the concerns she had. Ms. Moss asked Dr. Caver if this gives him the flexibility he needs. He said staff is frequently engaged in community events that are good to partner with for ridership and good will, so this will allow that. Section 840.12 (c) will require the GM to report back to the board on this item on an annual basis. Mayor Clough ask if the 60 days is efficient. Dr. Caver said the 60 days is efficient. If it goes over 60 days, they will come back to the board.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Mayor Welo and approved by unanimous vote.

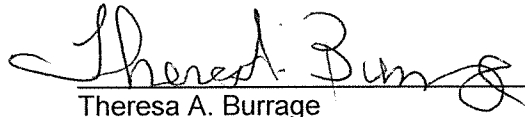
Update on Paratransit Contracts - discussion added the day of the meeting

Rev. Lucas stated that the board entered into contracts with several firms affective June 1. There is one new contractor and two existing contractors. He thanked the staff, committee, Oliver Draper, Vaneshia Houston and the new contractor GC Logistics. The contractors will be under the same radio frequency. He's looked at the new vehicles and it has the handicap seats that are not in the back for a more comfortable ride. One firm has 30 vehicles coming in. The contracts are being delivered today or tomorrow. Dr. Caver added that the new vendor GC Logistics decided to locate out of the Brooklyn Garage. This means that local jobs are being brought to Cleveland. There will be an open house this month. The technology will be streamlined for all of the contractors to utilize.

Mayor Clough adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.



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