

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

10:21 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020

**Committee Members:** Lucas (Vice Chair), Bibb, Joyce, McCall, Pellot, Serrano, Weiss

**Not present:** Byrne, Clough, Moss

**Also Present:** Becker, Benford, Birdsong, Bitto, Capek, Catalusci, Dangelo, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Kirkland, Laule, Lincoln, Lively, McGervey, Orlando, Schipper, Tarka, Young


Rev. Lucas called the meeting to order 10:21 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that seven (7) committee members were present. Ms. Moss had to leave before this meeting started. This meeting was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with Sub. H.B. 404 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, passed on November 19, 2020, House Bill 197 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on March 27, 2020 and the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency. The meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rideRTA](http://www.facebook.com/rideRTA)) for staff and members of the public.

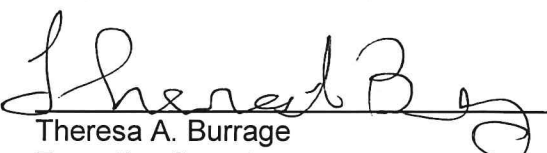
Code Book Update Project

Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel II, made the presentation. Today's presentation is to discuss the proposed revisions to Chapters 460.02 and 460.03 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. The policies were codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176). They have been in the process of a comprehensive review and update to bring the policies in line with current operations. The Code is subject to review and revision every 3 years. The Financial Policies was last updated in 2017. The proposed revisions include removing the Medicaid Sales and Use Tax Transition Fund from Section 460.02. That fund was established several years ago to be the recipient for a one-time payment from the State of Ohio to replace funding that RTA lost when the State removed Medicaid from the Sales Tax base. There is no longer a need for that fund.

They are also proposing to move the Reserve Fund from Section 460.02 to a new section 460.03 to bring it in financial alignment with the way the financial statements are set up and reported. In Section 460.03, the revisions propose that the Capital Improvement Fund consists of the RTA Capital Fund and the RTA Development Fund. Section 460.03 would be re-numbered as Section 460.04. It was moved by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mayor Weiss and approved to move this to the full Board. There was seven (7) ayes and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

  
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Interim Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Theresa A. Burrage  
Executive Secretary