

Minutes

Special RTA Board Meeting

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Board Members: Lucas (Chair), Byrne, Duarte, Joyce, Koomar, McCall, Pellet, Serrano, Weiss

Not present: Moss

Staff: Benford, Birdsong, Caver, Coffey, Cottrell, Davidson, Ferraro, Fields, Fleig, Garofoli, Gautam, Kirkland, Metcalf, Miller, Petit, Schipper, Talley, Temming, Togher, Ulrich, Walker-Minor

Public: Gibbons, Loh, Pesuit

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. There were nine (9) board members present. In accordance with the Ohio Open Meetings Act and House Bill 51, signed into law on February 17, 2022 and effective immediately through June 30, 2022, this meeting will be live-streamed on RTA's Board Page www.RideRTA.com/board via the meeting date for staff and members of the public. House Bill 51 allows Board members to participate by telephone or video and be considered present as if in person. It also allows Board members to vote and be counted for the purpose of determining a quorum while attending by telephone or video.

The Secretary advised that notice of this meeting have 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.

Resolution

- A. 2022-23 - Expressing appreciation to Leo Serrano for his service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and extending best wishes for many years to come, the adoption of which was moved by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mayor Byrne and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Serrano said he went to Divinity School and his mentor taught him that we all have one eternal assignment and one temporary gig. Moreover, when you know that, you know that your purpose is to serve. Our customers are diverse and RTA is the lifeline for them. Mayor Byrne thanked him for helping him when he joined the Board. Ms. Birdsong added that he was a joy to work with and that he is a champion for diversity. His leadership and stewardship is appreciated. Ms. McCall added that Mr. Serrano is a committed and great Board member and that they served through some challenging times. Rev. Lucas thanked Mr. Serrano for his service. He has a good heart and was a good Board member.

Executive Session Requested

Rev. Lucas asked for a motion to go into executive session to review the negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. It was moved by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mayor Koomar. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed. Mayor Weiss had to step out.

It was moved by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mayor Koomar to come out of executive session. There were nine (9) ayes and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



President

Attest: 
Secretary-Treasurer