

**METRO RTA  
BOARD MINUTES  
ROBERT K. PFAFF TRANSIT CENTER BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022  
9:00 AM**

**Trustees Present:** Robert DeJournett, Mark Derrig, Gary Spring, Chuck Rector, Vincent Rubino, John Valle, Dana LaGarde, Robert Konstand, Donald Christian,

**Trustees Absent:** Renee Greene, David Prentice, Heather Heslop Licata

**METRO Team**

**Members Present:** Dawn Distler, Angela Neeley, Valerie Shea, Molly Becker, DeHavilland McCall, Jay Hunter, Shawn Metcalf, Bambi Miller, Jarrod Hampshire, Greg Fiocca

**Guests Present:** Justin Markey

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. DeJournett called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**RECOGNITION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. DeJournett asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Ms. Dana LaGarde made a motion for approval. The minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS**

**CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair: Mark Derrig

It was reported that the committee met and discussed the electric buses and the hiring of a new Operator class.

**RESOLUTION 2022-01:** A Resolution authorizing the purchase of up to Eleven (11) Replacement Buses.

It was explained that Resolution 2022-01 was to replace METRO diesel buses with Gillig electric buses. A discussion ensued about the funding for the electric buses.

Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion for approval. All those present voted 'yes'. Resolution 2022-01 was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2022-02:** A Resolution authorizing a renewal of a contract with the County of Summit Board of Developmental Disabilities (CSBDD) and Weaver Industries (Weaver) for cleaning services for the Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center.

It was explained that Resolution 2022-02 was for the renewal of the contract with CSBDD and Weaver Industries. Mr. Mark Derrig made a motion for approval. All those present voted 'yes'. Resolution 2022-02 was unanimously approved.

### **ASSET PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

(Employee Engagement Center / Safety & Protection)

Chair: Chuck Rector

It was reported that the Committee met and discussed the KPIs for healthcare provisions, goals for healthcare, and training hours. Safety and security numbers were reported and miles between preventative accidents were reported as being down.

### **PLANNING/MARKETING/RAIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair: Donald Christian

It was reported that the committee had met and reviewed the KPIs. A slide show presentation (attached) provided an overview of the Reimagine METRO network redesign. It was reported that Outreach kicks off today, with a mailer being sent to every office, residence, and business in Summit County. There was a discussion about how METRO is connecting with community and board meetings, as well as the scheduling of focus groups and stake holder workshops. It was reported that a stakeholder workshop is scheduled for February 9, 2022.

Ohio Loves Transit and lobbying in Columbus were also discussed.

There were no updates on Rail.

### **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair: Vincent Rubino

It was reported that the committee had met and reviewed the KPIs, budget, assets and liabilities.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **OFFICERS' REPORT**

**President:**

Board Members were thanked for attending the retreat held on January 19, 2022. Board Members were also encouraged to be on a standing committee and Mr. DeJournett asked for committee chair nominations. Each Board Member was asked to be on two committees. A discussion ensued about nominations, term limits and the selection process.

**Chief Executive Officer:**

It was reported that a Governance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 10:30 am. Attendees of the January 19, 2022 retreat were thanked for attending and there was a brief overview of the changes based on what was learned. Kudos were given to all those who kept METRO running on January 17, 2022, Martin Luther King day, when a heavy snow storm hit Akron and the surrounding areas. It was reported that talks are continuing between METRO and the TWU union and an agreement is close. There was a discussion about the shortage of Bus Operators and other open positions at METRO, the cause of these shortages and steps being taken to fill these openings. Board Members were asked for ways to reach out to any organizations they are associated with.

**CALL FOR ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Directions going forward were be safe, stay warm, and be careful.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Gary Spring made a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to Section III, Article 3.2 of the Rules & Regulations of the METRO Regional Transit Authority, METRO has complied with the Notice and Notification to the public and news media.

**DATE APPROVED:** February 22, 2022

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**ROBERT E. DEJOURNETT,  
PRESIDENT**

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**DAWN S. DISTLER,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/  
SECRETARY-TREASURER**