

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 11, 2009 @ 6:00PM
Gateway Board Room**

Mr. DeGraff called the meeting to order 6:07pm.

**Attendance
Board**

Chuck DeGraff (President), Nancy Johnson (Vice President), Ron Macala, Amanda Fletcher, Fred Moore, Chet Warren, James Reinhard

Staff

Charles Odingbe (Executive Director/CEO), Kelly Zachary (HR/Safety Manager), Richard Kyle (Planning & Community Outreach Manager), Mark Finnicum (Director/Maintenance), Michelle Harrison (Transportation Supervisor, in-training), Bobbie Barnett (Customer Service Representative), Terry Foss (Customer Service Representative), Jenni Alborn (Proline Reservationist), Chrissy Wey (HR/Safety Administrator), Jack Spehar (Procurement Officer), Everett Todd (Transportation Planner), Marie Grealis (Administrative Assistant), Amy Durkin (Customer Service Representative), Teresa Thompson (Director, Transportation), Chuck Koppes (Assistant Planning Manager), Lynn Heddleson (Training Supervisor), Deborah Hill (Finance Manager), Karen Little (Accounts Payable & G/L Administrator), Carole Kuczynski (Director, Finance & Administration), Tammy Marie Chavers (Executive Assistant)

Legal Presentation

Robert Murphy & Gust Callas (Black McCuskey)

Other

Robert Wang (Canton Repository), Karl Lucas (SCATS), Mike Chauncey (State Auditors Office), Orleeta Odingbe

CAFR Award Presentation

Mike Chauncey presented a plaque to the Finance Department for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2008, fiscal year 2007. Ms. Kuczynski received the award and applauded her staff for a job well done.

*****Executive Session*****

A Motion to go into Executive Session to
discuss personnel issues.

6:13pm – 6:32pm

2009 Agency Goals

Mr. Odimgbe and the SARTA executive team presented the board with goals set forth for the agency.

Approval of Minutes

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Ms. Fletcher motioned to adopt the minutes. Mr. Moore seconded the motion; motioned passed unanimously.

Communications from Executive Director/CEO...

Stimulus Package

The Transit stimulus package will provide the industry with \$8.4 billion. SARTA has applied for \$35 million in various projects. Funds received will have restrictions on what projects they may be used for.

Hybrid Buses

Hybrid Buses are expected to be delivered in October.

Election of Officers

The board nomination committee, Mr. Macala & Mr. Bixler, nominated that Mr. DeGraff remain as the board president and Ms. Johnson remain as the board vice-president.

Mr. Warren motioned to re-appoint Mr. DeGraff as president. Mr. Moore seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Warren motioned to re-appoint Ms. Johnson as vice-president. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions

A Resolution To Authorize The Executive Director/CEO To Accept The Quotation From Action Door To Replace Four Of The Gateway Facility Garage Doors For The Sum of \$30,900

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Macala seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director To Advertise For Bids For The Purchase Of Hybrid Diesel-Electric Paratransit Vehicles

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution To Authorize The Executive Director/CEO To Enter Into Contract With Gillig For The Purchase Of Five 30' Low Floor Diesel-Electric Hybrid Transit Vehicles For \$2,598,745 With Options To Buy Fifty More Vehicles Over The Contract Term

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director To Revise The Bargaining Policy Code of Conduct

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director/CEO To Offer Free Rides To And From The 1480 WHBC Senior Expo 2009 On Regular Fixed Routes Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution To Authorize The Executive Director/CEO To Advertise For Bids On An Environmental Site Assessment And An Alternative Site Analysis

Mr. Warren motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Reinhard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

For Application FY 2009 State Grants "Urban Transit Program Grant"

Ms. Fletcher motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

For Application FY 2009 Federal Grants "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009"

Mr. Macala motioned to adopt the resolution. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

SARTA has won every claim concerning bench signs. This case has been ongoing for over 10 years. Mr. Odingbe suggested that we close the case and request legal fees to be paid.

Employee of the Month

Creola Elder was acknowledged as January 2009 Employee of the Month.

New Business

Mr. DeGraff read Mr. Odingbe's letter of resignation. Mr. Odingbe's last day as SARTA's Executive Director/CEO will be Friday, March 6, 2009.

Ms. Johnson motioned to accept his resignation. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:46pm.