

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008 @ 4:00 PM
Walsh University ~ Barrette Business & Community Center**

Mr. Chuck DeGraff called the meeting to order @ 4:00 PM.

Attendance

Board (Quorum was present)

Charles DeGraff (President), Nancy Johnson (Vice-President), Phyllis Beyers, Bill Rudner, Jerry Bixler, Amanda Fletcher, Chet Warren, Ron Macala

Excused

Fred Moore

Staff

Charles Odingbe (Executive Director/CEO), Kelly Zachary (HR/Safety Manager), James Warner (Planning & Community Outreach Manager), Teresa Thompson (Director, Transportation), Carole Kuczynski (Director, Finance & Administration), Mark Finnicum (Director, Maintenance), Tom Williams (Transportation Administrator), Tammy Marie Chavers (Executive Assistant)

Legal Counsel

Gust Callas (Black McCuskey)

Other

Robert Wang (Canton Repository), Stephanie Young (Alliance Review)

Employee of the Month

Mr. Odingbe acknowledged Richard Kyle (Assistant Manager, Marketing & Community Outreach) as April's Employee of the Month. Mr. Kyle is in Arizona attending a Trapeze User Conference.

Approval of Minutes

April 12, 2008 Work Session

Ms. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Reports

- ❖ **Transportation** – Teresa Thompson – As submitted
In an effort to reduce minor accidents in the garage, drivers and mechanics will receive some training.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – Mark Finnicum – As submitted
- ❖ **Finance** – Carole Kuczynski – As submitted
- ❖ **HR/Safety** – Kelly Zachary – As submitted

- ❖ **Planning & Community Outreach** – Teresa Thompson – As submitted
The new building in Alliance will open as soon as FTA releases funding.
Trapeze is now reinstalling wiring on buses.

From The Executive Director/CEO...

Mr. Odimgbe thanked the Board and staff for their discussion during today's retreat.

Mr. Odimgbe announced his intent to begin correcting vacation accrual with the approval from the Board. The Board granted this permission.

The Board conveyed their appreciation to Robert Wang for reporting very fair coverage during the negotiation process.

Mr. Warren praised SARTA staff for a superb job negotiating with the union.

Resolutions

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director To Adjust Fare System

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

A Resolution for Labor Contract

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