

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority  
Board Of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2008 @ 6:00PM  
Gateway Board Room**

Mr. DeGraff called the meeting to order @ 6:00PM.

**Attendance** (Quorum present)

**Board**

Chuck DeGraff (President), Nancy Johnson (Vice-President), Jerry Bixler, Amanda Fletcher, Ronald Macala, Chet Warren

**Excused**

Phyllis Beyers, Fred Moore

**Staff**

Charles Odingbe (Executive Director/CEO), Linda Stutler (Customer Service Representative), Mark Finnicum (Director, Maintenance), Kelly Zachary (HR/Safety Manager), Teresa Thompson (Director, Transportation), James Warner II (Planning & Community Outreach Manager), Deborah Hill (Finance Manager), Ruby Siler (Transit Supervisor), Tammy Marie Chavers (Executive Assistant)

**Legal Counsel**

Robert Murphy (Black McCuskey)

**Other**

Karl Lucas (SCATS)

Robert Wang (Canton Repository)

**Approval/Correction of Minutes**

- ❖ April 2, 2008  
Ms. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ April 8, 2008  
Ms. Fletcher motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ April 23, 2008  
Mr. Macala motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**Departmental Reports**

- **Transportation** (Teresa Thompson) As submitted  
Mr. Bixler suggested SARTA do presentations throughout the community on how to ride the bus. The Board was informed that Richard Kyle (Planning & Community Outreach Supervisor) was working on a presentation that would be available by request. Discussion followed.

Overtime hours for drivers were cut drastically due to the aggressive, innovative approach taken by staff. Part-time drivers become full time within weeks due to attrition.

- **Maintenance** (Mark Finnicum) As submitted
- **Finance** (Carole Kuczynski) As submitted
- **HR/Safety** (Kelly Zachary) As submitted
- **Planning & Community Outreach** (James Warner II) As submitted

### **Communication from the Executive Director...**

#### Alliance Project

The Alliance project is complete. The drop from the parking lot to the street will have to be leveled to prevent damage to the buses when exiting.

#### 2008 Budget

Staff was told to produce strategic initiatives to reduce overall budgetary costs. Due to these savings, Mr. Odingbe is very comfortable that once fare increases take effect, we will meet our 2008 budget. Mr. Odingbe redirected the compliment from Mr. DeGraff to SARTA's staff.

#### Unity Month

Mr. Odingbe invited Board members to attend the Unity kickoff on June 2, 2008 from 11:00AM – 5:00PM.

### **Resolutions**

#### **A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director To Revise The Organizational Chart**

Mr. Warren moved for the adoption of this resolution. Mr. Bixler seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

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### **Adjournment**

Mr. Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 6:50PM.