



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

June 3, 2025

Trustees: John A. Lumpkin Jr., President
 Sharon D. White, Vice President
 Ashton S. Dupler
 Al Fullenkamp
 Belinda Matthews-Stenson
 Nikol Miller
 Thomas Weckesser
 David P. Williamson

Excused: Grady L. Mullins

Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
 Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
 Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
 Christopher Conard, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
 Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
 Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
 Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
 Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Officer

Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present and proper notice of the meeting had been given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lumpkin led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Dupler	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Excused
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) By-Laws require Board Trustees approval of today's Board Meeting Agenda. The Agenda was mailed in advance, and Mr. Lumpkin asked if there are any changes to the Agenda?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of today's Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lumpkin asked if anyone requests a reading of the minutes or are there changes to the minutes?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of the May 6, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on May 20th, and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending two (2) Action Item for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated RTA recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe and secure environment on our buses and at our facilities for our customers and team members. This is best accomplished by using a combination of up-to-date technology and well-trained internal and external personnel.

Over the years, RTA has worked with local law enforcement agencies on an as-needed basis to help accomplish our security goals and desires to continue to do so.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. Miller to APPROVE a not-to-exceed \$750,000 for contract services with local law enforcement agencies, including the City of Dayton, as needed through December 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 - THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS MANAGEMENT

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated RTA is seeking a third-party administrator with an on-staff attorney to assist in the proactive management of workers' compensation self-insured claims.

The successful administrator will manage all claim services required. Examples include assistance in determining compensability, coordinating independent medical examinations, legal representation at administrative hearings and assistance with actuarial services.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. White to APPROVE a three (3) year Third-Party Claims Management CONTRACT AWARD to Hunter Consulting Company, with an additional two (2) one-year options. Years one (1), two (2), and three (3) are \$50,400 each, for a total of \$151,200. Option years one (1) and two (2) are \$52,800 each, equaling \$105,600. The total contract amount is \$256,800.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

Other items to mention:

The March 2025 Financial Report as well as Small Purchases Information has been included in today's Board package.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on May 20th, and the Planning Committee is recommending one (1) Action Item for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #4 – PASSENGER COUNTING SOFTWARE

The purpose of this procurement is to contract with Hop Thru, Inc., for the implementation and use of its APC software, “Hop Thru Cleanse,” and extend the active contract for its “Hop Thru Analyze” solution. RTA will use Hop Thru software solutions to collect and validate Automatic Passenger Counters (APC) data.

RTA’s current APC software solution through Clever Devices is being phased out this year, forcing the agency to move to a new solution. RTA currently uses Hop Thru’s Analyze software, which serves as an add-on to an APC software, helping parse the data that is collected. The introduction of Hop Thru Cleanse represents a significant step forward in data-driven decision-making at RTA and aligns with agency goals.

Sole source justification for this unique APC software is because of feedback from other agencies in regard to the software that this “Cleanse” solution will meet all RTA’s expected needs and allow RTA to drill down on data in a way that is not currently possible-such as looking at ridership, at the stop level, for specific service hours. A cost analysis was performed by comparing pricing from Hop Thru with a proposal Clever provided, which is a replacement product that no agency is actively using.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to recommend a three-year AWARD to Hop Thru, Inc. for the use of the Hop Thru Cleanse and Analyze software. The costs of the recommended award include year one costs of \$59,184, year two costs of \$154,224, and year three costs of \$149,959, plus a 10% contingency of \$36,337, for a total not to exceed \$399,704.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

Additional Information

At the meeting, Mr. Policicchio also provided a summary document of recent activities going on in the Customer and Business Development Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky thanked Mr. Policicchio and the entire RTA team for an outstanding job with everything involved with NATO. He could not have been prouder. Hats off to all!

Mr. Ruzinsky stated that Mr. Policicchio wanted to show a video of the RTA’s Veterans’ Bus. Staff received a call from WDTN’s Anchor, Mr. Jack Pole, who asked Staff about using the story after he saw the Veterans’ bus on the street. The story ran 8 or 9 times over the weekend and has received significant coverage. Mr. Ruzinsky stated that this is another proud moment. Mr. Ruzinsky then asked Mr. Gary Daugherty and Ms. Carmen Gaines to stand up and be recognized. Mr. Daugherty is retiring from RTA at the end of the month. Mr. Ruzinsky commented that he was very proud of the idea and the collaborative effort between Mr. Daugherty, Ms. Gaines, and others that made the Veterans’ bus happen.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEM #1 – RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6-1 - AIR CITY PARKING GARAGE PROJECT

Mr. Ruzinsky stated RTA’s Board of Trustees unanimously approved Action Item #2, Air City Parking Garage Project on May 6, 2025.

The attached Resolution No. 2025-6-1, Air City Parking Garage Project, will be provided as a support document for the real estate closing process.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Lumpkin and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to APPROVE Resolution No. 2025-6-1, Air City Parking Garage Project.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Miller stated she had the privilege of riding some of the RTA buses during the NATO convention. She wanted to say hats off to not just the bus drivers, who had some challenging maneuvers to get through inside the NATO village and to get us to and from our destination spots, but also the RTA Staff. Ms. Miller stated it was a great demonstration of RTA's customer service. Congratulations to everyone involved in ensuring the event was a success.

Ms. White commented that she and Ms. Matthew-Stenson enjoyed attending the Dayton Business Journal's Breakfast meeting earlier today. It was entitled Future of Downtown Dayton. Several key leaders were on the panel, including Mr. Bob Ruzinsky. Ms. White stated that as a marketing person, it is always good to hear about the bells and whistles of the RTA. Still, she was super proud and impressed by how Mr. Ruzinsky managed to tell the entire audience the total impact of RTA and the amount of financial and economic support that RTA has given to projects like Riverscape, Schuster Center, and so many others. Ms. White commented that sometimes people think of RTA as just buses, when RTA is an impactful economic driver for the region. In closing, Ms. White wanted to congratulate Mr. Ruzinsky on a job well done! Ms. White commented that it was a very good morning! In closing, Ms. White congratulated Mr. Daugherty on his 20 years of service to RTA, and stated if you're going to go out with a bang, you did it with the Veterans' bus.

Mr. Dupler wanted to thank Mr. Daugherty and Ms. Gaines for their work regarding the Veterans' bus. Additionally, Mr. Dupler stated that concerning NATO, he serves on two historic churches in the Huffman District. Mr. Dupler stated that two Sundays ago, the church had 12 guests arrive, all in suits. Mr. Dupler recalled feeling a bit nervous; he thought maybe something was wrong, but as it turned out, twelve delegates from Bosnia were attending the service.

Mr. Dupler asked the group how they got to the building. The group replied, “We took the RTA bus.” Mr. Dupler stated that it was another proud moment for him. Thank you RTA for the work that each of you do every day!

Mr. Lumpkin wanted to reiterate what everyone said about NATO! It put our City in a different light and made us realize that we can host significant events such as NATO. Thank you to everyone!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lumpkin stated there is a request to go into Executive Session. Attorney Christopher Conard noted that the first item of discussion is the terms and conditions of purchasing the Air City Parking Garage property, and the second item is to consider compensation for a Public Official. Mr. Conard stated he would not be participating in the first part of the Executive session but would join during the second part.

Mr. Conard stated there will be more public business after the Executive Session.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Dupler and SECONDED by Ms. White to RECESS into Executive Session to discuss the items as mentioned above.

Roll call was taken:

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Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

The meeting recessed at 3:21 p.m.

Mr. Conard joined the Executive Session meeting at 3:38 p.m.

MOTION MADE by Ms. White and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to RECONVENE into regular session.

Roll call was taken:

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Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

The meeting was reconvened at 3:49 p.m.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that the Board agrees that Mr. Ruzinsky has met his job performance and exceeds on all levels of performance for the calendar year 2024-2025. Mr. Ruzinsky will receive a 3.5% compensation increase and a one-time performance bonus of \$10,000.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Williamson to ADJOURN the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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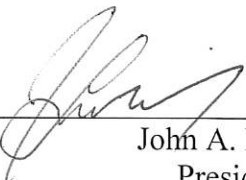
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SECONDED by Mr. Williamson to ADJOURN the
meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

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