



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

May 6, 2025

Trustees: John A. Lumpkin, Jr., President
Sharon D. White, Vice President
Ashton S. Dupler (arrived at 3:06 p.m.)
Al Fullenkamp
Nikol M. Miller
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser
David P. Williamson

Excused: Belinda Matthews-Stenson

Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
Christopher R. 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	Yes
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Excused	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated that the 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 were any changes to the Agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 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 April 1, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (SHARON WHITE)

Ms. White stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on April 15th, and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending one (1) Action Item for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – GARAGE PROJECT

Ms. White stated RTA is negotiating a contract/project participation agreement with Model Group of Cincinnati, Ohio to redevelop and revitalize the blighted Air City Garage located at 21 South Jefferson Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. The current Air City Garage has an exceedingly difficult history of blight and crime and is a deterrent to the well-being and livelihood of all adjacent properties.

The Air City Garage Project is part of a larger project to fully redevelop the Centre City Building, which, when completed, will feature affordable senior housing, market-rate housing, and office/retail tenants. RTA currently owns about 50% of the city block that is home to Wright Stop Plaza (Transit Hub), the American (Conover) Building (which is home to RTA offices), an RTA Parking Lot, the Key Ads building, the vacant Centre City building, and the currently closed Air City Garage. RTA's long-term control and usage rights of the Air City Garage are critical for RTA's future operations on this block

MOTION MADE by Ms. White and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE the Air City Garage Project with RTA's financial commitment totaling \$10 million dollars. Local capital funds previously set aside for a future RTA parking garage will be used. The Chief Executive Officer seeks Board authorization to finalize CONTRACT details with Model Group of Cincinnati, Ohio, and work with them to complete the purchase of the Air City Garage property and have RTA hold the garage property for project development. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer will have the authority to execute all contract documents necessary as part of RTA's participation in this major development project.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven

Nays: None

Other items to mention:

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

Mr. Dupler arrived at 3:06 p.m.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated that the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on April 15th. There are no Action Items to bring forth, however we do have informational items to share.

Discussion Items to Mention

Mr. Weckesser stated at the meeting Mr. Policicchio noted that this month's Customer and Business Development update includes a summary of activities that took place within the RTA. Those highlights were included from various departments. Mr. Policicchio shared the RTA is preparing for the upcoming NATO event and is a key partner in providing transportation services. Mr. Policicchio also shared that this year, the RTA launched a veterans-themed bus to honor RTA veteran employees and those throughout the community who served in our armed forces.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky took a moment to remind everyone that NATO is coming to town. Mr. Ruzinsky shared the RTA staff is fully prepared. Mr. Brandon Policicchio and his planning team have been knocking down every detail. Staff are starting to share some details with the public. Staff did a press release today about the service reroutes affected during this event. The route changes are minor and will not impact RTA operations much.

In addition, Mr. Ruzinsky handed out two different reports, scaled-down versions of a four-page report regarding School Bus Services and RTA Community Projects sent to the Board several weeks ago. Staff have been distributing these documents to various community leaders and organizations. Mr. Ruzinsky commented RTA has made multiple investments downtown over the years, and staff will continue to disseminate these reports after the draft is finalized. Mr. Ruzinsky wanted the Board to see the draft first.

Finally, Mr. Ruzinsky stated that several stakeholders have participated in stakeholder meetings about the student transportation challenges. No resolutions have been reached yet, but there have been some good discussions, and those discussions will continue over the next couple of weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary E. Miller - 229 Colgate Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45417. Ms. Matthews stated she is concerned about the worsening transportation situation for Dayton Public School Students. Ms. Miller would like to volunteer on any related committee to assist with this endeavor and wanted to know whom she should contact for further information.

Mr. Ruzinsky directed Ms. Miller to first try contacting the Dayton Public Schools because it's their students and their transportation challenges.

Mr. Lumpkin also stated that Ms. Miller may also want to contact the Mayor's office and the State Legislator.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Miller reminded everyone that today is Election Day, and there are only a few issues on the ballot. All elections matter, especially local ones, so if you haven't gone out to vote, you have until 7:30 p.m. to cast your vote. Ms. Miller also stated that you can ride the RTA for free.

Ms. White stated, without going into a lot of detail, once again, the "On Main" group officials reached out to RTA for support. Ms. White noted the "On Main" project has been sitting empty and idle on Main Street since right before COVID, and COVID shut it down. Activity on the site has begun. Ms. White stated there will be a community event later this summer, and RTA was contacted to support this endeavor and help shuttle some people around to ensure the community transportation needs were met. Ms. White wanted to thank RTA Staff for stepping up to help. Ms. White stated there will be more to come soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lumpkin stated there is a need to go into an Executive Session to discuss an employee matter. Mr. Lumpkin noted that when we do return from Executive Session, all of today's business will be completed.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Lumpkin and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to RECESS into Executive Session to discuss an employee matter.

Roll call was taken:

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

The meeting recessed at 3:16 p.m.

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

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The meeting was reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Ms. White and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to ADJOURN the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

ATTEST

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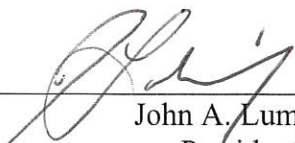
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