



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

February 3, 2026

- Trustees: Sharon D. White, President
Belinda Matthews-Stenson, Vice President
Ashton S. Dupler
Al Fullenkamp
Nikol Miller
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser
David Williamson
- Excused: John A. Lumpkin, Jr.
- 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, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Officer
- Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. White 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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. White 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 Ms. White asked if there are any changes to the Agenda?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Ms. White DECLARED APPROVAL of today’s Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Ms. White DECLARED APPROVAL of the December 2, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (AL FULLENKAMP)

Mr. Fullenkamp stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met on January 20th, and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending three (3) Action Items for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT, CLEANING, AND TRASH REMOVAL

Mr. Fullenkamp stated the purpose of this action item is to enter into a multi-year contract with a qualified firm to provide professional cleaning services of sheltered bus stops and surrounding areas, including trash removal. These services will be provided at 156 designated sites within RTA’s service area.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Fullenkamp and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE a five (5) year contract AWARD to Tri-County Maintenance and Cleaning, LLC for \$457,387. The award also includes a 15% contingency in the amount of \$68,608 for a grand total of \$525,995 for Bus Stop Enhancement, Cleaning, and Trash Removal services.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES – CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Fullenkamp stated that in December 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a five-year contract with Trihydro Corporation for Environmental Consulting Services to support RTA in maintaining compliance with U.S. and Ohio EPA requirements, including program management of underground storage tanks regulated by the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR). The purpose of this action item is to request approval of a change order to the existing contract to allow for additional environmental and remediation services.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Fullenkamp and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to APPROVE an additional \$300,000 to cover the cost of necessary environmental and remediation services. This change order of \$300,000, plus reimbursements received by RTA of \$164,174 and previously added back to the contract, brings the total contract to \$764,174 for environmental consulting services (RTA's net cost is \$600,000).

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #4 – VENDING SERVICES

Mr. Fullenkamp stated the purpose of this action item is for RTA to contract food and beverage vending services. The revenue from this contract goes to RTA's Employee Benefit Fund (EBF) to allow the EBF Committee to host activities and events to recognize and show appreciation to our

employees for their dedication and commitment to the mission of RTA.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Fullenkamp and SECONDED by Ms. Matthew-Stenson to APPROVE a three (3) year revenue contract AWARD with two (2) one-year options to AVI Foodsystems, Inc. for vending services.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

Other items to mention:

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (NIKOL MILLER)

Ms. Miller stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees held a joint meeting on January 20th, and as a result, the Planning Committee is recommending two (2) Action Items for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #5 – DATA CENTER CO-LOCATION

Ms. Miller stated the purpose of this action item is to relocate the Wright Stop Plaza data center to a third-party co-location facility to improve resiliency, business continuity, and disaster recovery. After soliciting proposals, Continental Broadband, LLC, is recommended for a three-year co-location services contract. CDW-Government, LLC, is recommended for the related hardware purchase through a State of Ohio contract as the most cost-effective option. The total project cost, including a 10% contingency, is \$573,106.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Miller and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to AWARD a three-year co-location services contract to Continental Broadband, LLC, for \$286,580 and co-location hardware to CDW Government, LLC, for \$234,426, plus a 10% contingency of \$52,100, for a total amount of \$573,106.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #6 – WIRELESS DATA SERVICES – CHANGE ORDER

Ms. Miller stated RTA’s current AT&T Wireless contract supports essential operational functions such as real-time bus tracking and communications, and on-board camera systems, but increased data needs have pushed usage beyond the original scope. A previous change order in 2023 moved RTA to a fixed-rate, unlimited plan, yet technical delays resulted in an additional \$64,000 in overage charges. RTA must complete a year-long network redesign to reduce reliance on AT&T’s FirstNet system before seeking competitive bids, and a one-year contract extension is required to maintain uninterrupted service. The recommended change order totals \$262,000, bringing the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$890,395 for wireless data services.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Miller and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to AWARD a contract change order to AT&T Wireless to cover overages from before the fixed-rate period of \$64,000, the additional contract year of \$180,000, and a 10% contingency of \$18,000 for a total change order value of \$262,000. This change order brings the not-to-exceed contract total to \$890,395 for Wireless Data Services.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

Additional Information

Ms. Miller stated at the meeting Mr. Policicchio provided a summary of recent activities in the Customer and Business Development Department.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT (GRADY MULLINS)

Mr. Mullins stated the Investment Advisory Committee met on Thursday, January 22nd, for an informative financial presentation from Eileen Stanic of Meeder Investments.

Investment meeting materials have been included in today's Board package. The Committee is not bringing forth action items today.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky recognized several RTA employees for extraordinary service and dedication.

Fixed Route Operator Tim Hecker was recognized for heroic actions while on his final trip of the day. While traveling on Lakeview Avenue, Mr. Hecker noticed a house fire and immediately stopped to notify the homeowner. He then retrieved a fire extinguisher from his bus and successfully put out the fire before firefighters arrived. Mr. Hecker was previously recognized by the Greater Dayton RTA and the Police Department for his quick thinking, professionalism, and commitment to public safety. RTA extended its sincere appreciation for his actions.

Mr. Ruzinsky also recognized RTA employees who stepped up during recent historic winter weather events. During the first day of the storm, 133 transportation employees worked on Sunday. On Monday, staffing increased to 177 employees, despite worsening conditions.

Mr. Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer, highlighted how employees reported to work over the weekend to ensure continued service for the community, emphasizing their teamwork, dedication, and commitment to serving essential riders. Mr. Caldwell also recognized several staff members from the Transportation Department who were present at today's Board meeting.

- Mr. Chip Rhodes, Operations Manager, worked over 18 hours during the weekend, handling everything from taking calls to providing operator assistance.
- Ms. Sheila Benson, Transit Ambassador, worked all three days and shoveled various areas around the Wright Stop Plaza campus, clearing walkways and ensuring safe access.
- Mr. Anthony Miller, Transit Ambassador, at Wright Stop Plaza, shoveled the platform to make it easier for customers to board and exit buses.

- Mr. Mike Edmondson, Fixed Route Operator, assisted another bus operator by pushing a bus that was stuck in the snow.

Mr. Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer, recognized several members of his team who worked during the winter storm. Mr. Brown stated that 36 maintenance staff members worked on Sunday, and 49 maintenance employees worked on Monday, with many logging extended and double shifts to assist with service recovery and operations.

- Mr. Lee Stevens, Facilities and Infrastructure Manager, for coordinating staffing, scheduling, and operational planning beginning early in the week.
- Mr. Danny Suffron, Specialist, for working approximately 32 hours over consecutive double shifts.
- Mr. John Papie, Lineman, for working extended shifts in challenging conditions.

In addition, mechanics, service personnel, and facilities staff were acknowledged for ensuring buses, facilities, and infrastructure remained operational throughout the storm.

The Administrative Team also supported storm operations. Approximately 55 employees worked on Monday, with continued staffing through Tuesday. In total, more than 400 RTA employees contributed during the weather event.

Mr. Ruzinsky announced that employees who worked:

- Sunday would receive 6 hours of essential worker time
- Monday would receive 6 hours
- Tuesday would receive 4 hours

Employees who worked all three days will receive a total of 16 hours of essential worker time. Mr. Ruzinsky expressed his sincere gratitude.

Mr. Ruzinsky recognized Ms. Mary Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer, and the Finance Team, for a positive State Auditor's Office Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Miller thanked everyone for their service during the inclement weather. Ms. Miller shared that, as a former RTA employee, she understands the commitment required to report to work when others do not. She expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone who showed up.

Mr. Williamson stated this is his 15th year serving on RTA's Board. He expressed his appreciation for the organization and emphasized its importance. He thanked everyone for the outstanding service!

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated she enjoys viewing RTA's Facebook page and seeing everything that is happening within the organization. She expressed pride in RTA and appreciation for all of the excellent service.

Mr. Fullenkamp shared his definition of heroes, describing them as ordinary people doing extraordinary things. He noted how special this is and thanked everyone.

Mr. Dupler thanked the staff for their dedication and commitment to serving the public, noting that their work is essential to the organization's success. He expressed gratitude for everyone who showed up and supported one another, and congratulated the staff members who were recognized earlier.

Both Mr. Weckesser and Mr. Mullins echoed the appreciation expressed by the other Trustees to the RTA staff.

Ms. White thanked Mr. Ruzinsky and his leadership team for their early planning and preparation in anticipation of the inclement weather, noting that plans appeared to be underway as early as Tuesday. She expressed appreciation for the successful execution of those plans.

Ms. White shared that she works with Premier Health and understands the importance of ensuring that essential workers, including hospital staff throughout the Miami Valley, can get to work safely. She thanked RTA for making travel easier for those in essential roles.

Ms. White also recognized that February is both Heart Month and Black History Month. She congratulated Ms. Nikol Miller of the Miami Valley Urban League, who was featured on WDTN to kick off Black History Month, and thanked her and her organization for their work.

Additionally, Ms. White congratulated Mr. David Williamson on receiving a national Volunteer of the Year award from Volunteer Lawyers of America. She noted that, despite having a back issue, Mr. Williams attended the meeting, demonstrating his dedication.

Ms. White concluded her remarks by thanking RTA for its planning and continued service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST

Sharon D. White
Chair
RTA Board of Trustees

Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees