



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

November 6, 2025

- Trustees: John A. Lumpkin, Jr., President
Sharon D. White, Vice President
Ashton S. Dupler
Al Fullenkamp
Belinda Matthews-Stenson
Nikol Miller
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser
David Williamson
- Excused: Nikol Miller
- 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	Yes
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Excused		

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 OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 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 October 21st, and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending five (5) Action Items for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – DIESEL BUSES

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is for RTA to purchase twenty- five (25) Gillig 35-foot buses. These buses will replace buses that will have reached the Federal Transit Administration’s useful life benchmark of twelve (12) years or 500,000 miles and are being ordered as part of RTA’s normal replacement plan.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Mathews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to Gillig for the purchase of twenty-five 35' diesel buses at a cost of \$685,054 per bus, for a total of \$17,126,350 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,712,635 to address any tariff increases or vehicle enrichments for a grand total of \$18,838,985. This also authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to purchase these buses from the contract which provides the most cost-effective option for RTA.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 – SMALL TRANSIT VEHICLES

Ms. Mathews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is for RTA to purchase five (5) small transit buses and four (4) transit vans. RTA's Connect program uses small transit buses, also known as Light Transit Vehicles (LTV's), to support ADA (Paratransit) services as well as to provide response trips to customers and others under contract.

RTA is able to purchase vehicles from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) vehicle contracts and will be doing so for this vehicle procurement. State term contracts and bid term contracts are contracts created through a competitive process and evaluated by the State of Ohio.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Mathews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. White to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to an authorized ODOT vehicle contract vendor for five (5) small transit buses at a cost of \$153,000 each not to exceed \$765,000 and four (4) transit vans at \$86,000 each not to exceed \$344,000, for a total cost of \$1,109,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$110,900 for a grand total of \$1,219,900.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #4 – RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11-1, FISCAL YEARS 2026 AND 2027, 49 UNITED STATES CODE 5307, 5337, 5339 & OTHER FEDERAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated Resolution No. 2025-11-1 provides authorization to file Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, United States Code (USC) 5307, 5337, 5339 and other Federal Capital Assistance Grants.

The projects applied for will be consistent with RTA approved capital and operating budgets. Prior year funding levels for programs were \$18.7 million for 5307, \$19.5 million for 5337 and \$1.2 million for 5339. 2026 and 2027 annual funding is anticipated to be similar amounts. All projects will be from RTA approved Fiscal Year 2026 and/or 2027 Capital and Operating Budgets.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to APPROVE Resolution No. 2025-11-1, authorizing the filing of 49 USC 5307, 5337, 5339 and Other Federal Capital Grant Applications for RTA Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 with the Federal Transit Administration. Furthermore, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to provide all necessary documents, execute grant contracts, amend the grant contracts if deemed necessary and fulfill all other requirements of the applications.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #5 – RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11-2, STATE FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028, OHIO URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Ohio Department of Transportation provides financial assistance to public transportation systems in Ohio through the Ohio Urban Public Transportation Grant Program. Current funding opportunities are offered under the Urban Formula Program and the Preservation Partnership Program. The RTA intends to use state awarded funds for Preventive Maintenance or other Capital Projects based on budget need. Because of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) (July 1 through June 30), eligible projects can be selected from

either the RTA’s 2026, 2027, or 2028 list of eligible projects.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE Resolution No. 2025-11-2, authorizing the filing of various applications for eligible projects under State of Ohio Public Transportation Grant Programs for State Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #6 – ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION GUIDE

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated RTA has an Administrative Compensation Guide for non-union employees. Periodically, if not annually, the Compensation Guide is reviewed and adjusted. A recommendation has been made to adjust the current Compensation Guide across the board by 3.5%. There are no implied or expressed guarantees on wage increases.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Williamson to APPROVE the attached 2026 Administrative Compensation Guide.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

Other items to mention:

The August 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 October 21st, and there are no Action Items being recommended today.

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

Activities included a safety campaign to encourage thorough bus inspections and a celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a themed calendar bus, employee participation in a charity walk, and onsite mammograms.

Additional highlights included employee promotions, Toledo’s bus roadeo, community outreach events, Spirit Week celebrations, and a partnership with Miamisburg to install solar-powered trash compactors.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT (AL FULLENKAMP)

Mr. Fullenkamp stated the Investment Advisory Committee met on Thursday, October 23rd for an informative financial presentation from Eileen Stanic of Meeder Investments. Meeder’s presentation, along with RTA’s investment report, is included in today’s Board package. The Committee is not bringing forth action items today.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky wanted to share a quick update that Mr. Roland Caldwell is recuperating very well from his recent surgery. Mr. Ruzinsky also stated that Mr. Taylor is doing a great job in his absence.

Mr. Ruzinsky would like to publicly thank Mr. Brandon Policicchio and the entire RTA team for their excellent work during his recent absence. Mr. Ruzinsky stated he very much appreciated everyone’s efforts!

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated in accordance with RTA Bylaws, the Board’s Nominating Committee, consisting of John Lumpkin, Nikol Miller, and himself, acting as Chair, wishes to nominate Sharon D. White as President and Belinda Matthews-Stenson as Vice President for the calendar year 2025-2026.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Lumpkin and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to EXPEND an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for safety/security-based facility improvement projects at the Downtown Campus. These projects will be funded with 80% federal funds from existing federal grants and will help RTA meet the federal requirement for capital spending on safety/security improvements.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Once again, each of the Board members congratulated and expressed thanks to Mr. Lumpkin for his leadership throughout his tenure as President. In addition, all congratulated Ms. White and Ms. Matthews-Stenson on being selected as President and Vice President of the RTA Board of Trustees.

Mr. Dupler thanked the Staff for again providing free rides on Election Day.

Mr. Lumpkin thanked the Board and RTA Staff for their continued support while serving as President. Mr. Lumpkin stated that he enjoyed learning about transit. Mr. Lumpkin also stated that he was issued a challenge from a relative who lives in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Lumpkin is passing this challenge off to the RTA Staff for possibly next year. The challenge is to wrap one of RTA's buses with a local musical artist from Dayton, such as the Ohio Players. In conclusion, Mr. Lumpkin stated the Northwest Transit Center has some great Transit Ambassadors who are often seen providing excellent customer service. Kudos to them!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lumpkin stated there is a request to go into Executive Session.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Williamson and SECONDED by Ms. White to RECESS into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and security matters.

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	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Excused		

The meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Matthews-Stenson recused herself from the discussion related to pending litigation and left the Executive Session and Board meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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

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	Excused		

The meeting was reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Seven Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

ATTEST

John A. Lumpkin, Jr.
Chair
RTA Board of Trustees

Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees

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