



MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will take place at **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** in the Board Room of the Authority, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44113 for consideration of the listed items and such other items that may properly come before the Board and be acted upon. This meeting will be live streamed on RTA's Board Page www.RideRTA.com/board via the meeting date for staff and members of the public. Members of the public may attend in person.

Based on Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") guidance to avoid crowded places where you cannot stay 6 feet away from others and Ohio Department of Public Health advice regarding congregating and social distancing, as well as RTA's interest in protecting community and employee health and safety, RTA Board Room and Meeting Room 1 capacity is limited to thirty-six (36) people to allow for social distancing. To accommodate members of the public, RTA will limit the number of staff permitted in the Board Room. All persons entering RTA's Main Office Building ("MOB") at 1240 West 6th Street are required to maintain a distance of six feet or more from other individuals who are not members of their family or household.

As a result of a federal court order on April 18, 2022, the CDC's January 29, 2021 order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. The CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time. As a result, GCRTA recommends, but will not require, that members of the public wear a mask/face covering.

The meeting package will be posted on RTA's website at (www.riderta.com/board), on RTA's Facebook page, and RTA's Twitter page.

- 9:00 A.M. Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee
- RFP Procurement – A presentation of a competitive negotiated procurement for contracted paratransit services.
 - CNG Services - A presentation on a negotiated, sole source, procurement for continued CNG operations and maintenance services for the Hayden District fueling station.

Committee of The Whole

- Code Book Updates
 - Amending Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee
 - Removing Section 640.03 Political Activity and amending Personnel Policy 100.03 Political Activity
 - Amending Chapter 465 of the Code Book to update the General Manager's title and to update citations to the Code Book and United States Code

India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

RTA ORGANIZATIONAL, SERVICES & PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Committee Members: Mayor Anthony D. Biasiotta, Chair
Ms. Karen Gabriel Moss, Vice Chair
Mayor David E. Weiss
Ms. Lauren R. Welch

- I. Roll Call
- II. RFP Procurement – A presentation of a competitive negotiated procurement for contracted paratransit services.

Presenter(s):
 - Nick Davidson, Paratransit District Director
 - Ashley Bober, Contract Administrator
- III. CNG Services - A presentation on a negotiated, sole source, procurement for continued CNG operations and maintenance services for the Hayden District fueling station.


Presenter(s):
 - John Togher, Director of Accounting
 - Shawn Becker, Program Contract Manager
- IV. Adjourn



Greater Cleveland
Regional Transit Authority

Interoffice Memo

To: Rev. Charles P. Lucas, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: February 9, 2023

Subject: Summary of Proposed Award – Contracted Paratransit Services

This is a RFP procurement to select qualified transportation providers to provide the Authority with Contracted Paratransit Services for a period of three years with two, one-year options for renewal.

At the February 14, 2023, Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting, we will make a presentation of the procurement process and staff recommendation for contract award. Attached is the summary for this contract award. We will be requesting that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the award of this contract at the February 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.


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Interoffice Memo

To: Rev. Charles P. Lucas, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: February 9, 2023

Subject: Summary of Proposed Award – Hayden CNG Operations & Maintenance
Services

This is a sole source procurement to select qualified firm to provide the Authority with operations and maintenance (O&M) services for the CNG fueling station located at the Authority's Hayden Bus District for a period of five years.

At the February 14, 2023, Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting, we will make a presentation of the procurement process and staff recommendation for contract award. Attached is the summary for this contract award. We will be requesting that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the award of this contract at the February 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD
Hayden CNG Operations & Maintenance Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is seeking a qualified firm to provide operations and maintenance (O&M) services for the CNG fueling station at the Authority's Hayden Bus District for a five-year period. The Authority currently has 155 forty-foot CNG buses, in addition to sixteen HealthLine sixty-one foot CNG buses, operating out of Hayden District. It is imperative for the fueling station to be readily available 24/7 in order to maintain service levels, and provide safe, reliable, clean and courteous public transportation.

The Hayden CNG fueling station was installed in 2015 by Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG. The original agreement included a three-year O&M period and was followed up with an additional five-year O&M agreement. This agreement will be for the renewal of O&M services with Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG for a period of five years. The O&M services provided include 24/7 monitoring and support, a scheduled maintenance plan, unplanned service, a qualified team of technicians, spare parts, a maintenance management system, and full communications with remote monitoring and control.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The current vendor, Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG, is the original installer and provider of O&M service for the Hayden CNG fueling station. Further, the proprietary nature of the fueling station equipment, including the programmable logic control (PLC) warrants a sole source, as changing service providers would result in additional equipment needs and costs, as well as service interruptions which would impede Hayden's ability to fuel its CNG buses. Due to these reasons, this project is deemed a sole source procurement and is exempt from competitive bidding as authorized under both Section 306.43(H)(3) and 306.43H(6) of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Procurement Department requested a proposal from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG on December 29, 2022. A proposal was received from Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG on January 31, 2023. The proposal was reviewed by representatives from Accounting, Operations, and Procurement, and deemed to be advantageous, fair and reasonable to the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommends the proposal of Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG with an office at 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 4100, Houston, Texas to provide Hayden CNG O&M Services for a period of five years.

Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG specializes in providing core fueling facility design, construction, and station operations and maintenance.

The strengths of Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG include:

- Leader in CNG station and fuel distribution in North America
- Extensive work with public transit agencies
- Experience operating & maintaining over 220 stations in over 30 states
- Extensive and experienced O&M team across more than 80% of U.S.
- Turnkey O&M program customized to GCRTA's needs and 24/7 availability

CLIENT BASE

Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG has also worked with Akron Metro, GCRTA, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Miami-Dade Transit, New York City Transit, PACE, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation, among others.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to Trillium Transportation Fuels, LLC dba Trillium CNG to provide Hayden CNG Operations and Maintenance Service for a five-year period in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.00. Staff will share their recommendation with the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee on February 14, 2023, and present the resolution to the Board of Trustees for approval at the February 28, 2023 meeting.

REVISED AGENDA

RTA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Committee Members: President Charles P. Lucas, Chair
 Ms. Karen Gabriel Moss, Vice Chair
 Mayor Anthony D. Biasiotta
 Mr. Terence P. Joyce
 Mayor Paul A. Koomar
 Ms. Valarie J. McCall
 Ms. Luz N. Pellot
 Mayor David E. Weiss
 Ms. Lauren R. Welch

I. Roll Call

II. Code Book Updates

- DRAFT - Amending Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee
- Removing Section 640.03 Political Activity and amending Personnel Policy 100.03 Political Activity
- Amending Chapter 465 of the Code Book to update the General Manager's title and to update citations to the Code Book and United States Code

Presenter(s):

- Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel
- Jonathan McGory, Associate Counsel II

III. Adjourn



Greater Cleveland
Regional Transit Authority

Interoffice Memo

To: Rev. Charles P. Lucas, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 9, 2023

Subject: Code Book Update

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'IBT', enclosed in a blue circular scribble.

At the February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff will present proposed revisions to the Authority's Codified Rules and Regulations.

The proposed revisions to the policies include:

1. Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee;
2. Chapter 465 Financial Assistance;
3. Section 640.03 Political Activity; and
4. Personnel Policy 100.03.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.

Attachments: Red-lines:

- Section 222.04 Community Advisory Committee
- Community Advisory Committee Operating Guidelines
- Chapter 465 Financial Assistance
- Section 640.03 Political Activity
- Personnel Policy 100.03

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222.04 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC).

(a) Operations.

- (1) Name. The Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") herein creates the Community Advisory Committee ("CAC").
- (2) Purpose. The purpose of the CAC is to support public transit in Northeast Ohio and to assist the Authority in fulfilling its mission and vision, through:
 - A. ~~Advocating for public transit~~Supporting the Authority's provision of services to individuals with disabilities; and
 - B. Advocating and educating the community regarding the Authority's interests. Promoting sound public policies; and
 - C. ~~Providing customer focused input to the Board of Trustees and Authority Staff.~~
- (3) Officers. The CAC shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. The CAC may, but is not required to, elect a Secretary.
- (4) Meetings.
 - A. The CAC shall hold quarterly meetings. CAC may hold special meetings, as it deems necessary. The Board of Trustees and Authority staff shall have input in setting CAC meeting agendas. Meetings shall be open to the public.
 - B. CAC members are encouraged, but not required, to attend community meetings, public hearings, groundbreakings, grand openings and GCRTA Board meetings.
- (5) ~~Committees~~Subcommittees. The CAC will have at least three standing sub-committees:
 - A. The ADA Advisory ~~Committee~~Subcommittee, which guides the Board of Trustees in adhering to the spirit and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"); and
 - ~~A.B.~~
B. ~~The Advocacy and Education Committee~~Subcommittee, which provides education to the community on the needs of the Authority and its value to the citizens of Northeast Ohio;~~and The Transit Improvement Advisory Committee, which provides a working forum to address, in more detail, all issues of interest to the CAC which are not specifically related to the ADA or advocaey.~~
 - C. The Rules Subcommittee, which reviews the CAC's Operating Guidelines and makes recommendations for appropriate additions, deletions, or amendments.
 - C.
 - D. ~~Committees~~Subcommittees shall meet, discuss, and make recommendations on matters referred to them by the CAC or the Board of Trustees on an as-needed basis.

- (6) Administrative support.
 - A. GCRTA shall designate a Staff Liaison to the CAC to serve as the primary point of contact with the Authority. ~~CAC members are not precluded from contacting other Authority staff directly when appropriate.~~
 - B. The Staff Liaison shall be responsible for communications to the CAC, tracking attendance, maintaining a record of meetings, and channeling CAC members' concerns to the appropriate Authority staff member.
 - (7) Recommendations. The CAC may make recommendations to ~~Authority staff or the Board of Trustees~~ the Staff Liaison, who shall refer such recommendations to the appropriate Authority staff and the Board Liaison. The CAC shall have no authority to obligate the Board of Trustees.
 - (8) Communications with the Board of Trustees.
 - A. The Board of Trustees will appoint a Board Liaison to the CAC.
 - B. The Board of Trustees will include a standing agenda item on the Board's agenda for communications from CAC.
- (b) Membership.
- (1) Composition of the CAC.
 - A. The CAC is composed of ~~twenty~~ 11-15 community representatives.
 - B. With the exception of members with emeritus status, terms shall be for ~~three-two~~ years each with a term limit per member of two (2) consecutive full ~~3~~ 2-year terms.

To ensure that the terms will be staggered so that no more than ~~seven~~ five ~~(7)~~ (5) members' terms expire in any year, initial appointments may be for less than ~~3~~ 2 years. An initial appointment of less than ~~3~~ 2 years will not be considered a full term for the purpose of determining whether a member has served the maximum number of terms permitted.

 - C. CAC members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms if not replaced, at the invitation of the Authority.
 - D. ~~Current~~ CAC members who have served on the CAC with distinction for more than 15 years will be eligible for emeritus status. Emeritus status shall be granted by the Board of Trustees. Members with emeritus status will not be counted among the ~~maximum-20 members~~ 15 members.
 - E. CAC members may be removed if they violate the Community Advisory Committee Code of Conduct ("CAC Code of Conduct") outlined under subsection 222.04(e) hereof. If the Staff Liaison determines removal is necessary, the Staff Liaison will make a recommendation to the Board Liaison. Upon a vote by the full Board, the Board's decision will serve as the final authority on

such matters.

(2) Qualifications.

- A. A CAC member must be familiar with public transportation and, preferably, use it occasionally, if not frequently. Transit dependency is not a requirement for CAC membership.
- B. CAC members must be able to communicate knowledgeably about the Authority in particular and public transit in general. Members should have the ability to advocate on behalf of public transit and promote service.
- C. CAC membership should reflect the Authority's customer base and have diverse representation in regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, military status, transit dependence, availability to participate in CAC activities, and geography.
- D. CAC members must be ~~strong~~ ambassadors for the Authority, attending as many public events as possible to promote public transit, policies friendly to public transit, and the needs of the region and GCRTA customers.

E. CAC members must be residents of Cuyahoga County.

- (3) Each CAC member will receive a ~~monthly transit pass~~ GCRTA ID to be used for unlimited transit privileges during their service—so that they can monitor the public transit experience.

(c) Selection Process for New Members.

- (1) All members of the CAC shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) All individuals interested in becoming a CAC member must submit an application.
- (3) An ad hoc Screening Committee, consisting of two or more GCRTA staff members and one or more Trustee(s) shall review the applications based on the criteria set out in subsection (b) hereof and recommend a slate of candidates to the External & Stakeholder Relations & Advocacy Committee for consideration and referral to the Board of Trustees.
- (4) Authority staff shall confer with the Board and the CAC for additional CAC members to be presented to the Board for consideration when vacancies arise.
- (5) Appointment of members shall be made in March. Appointments become effective in April. Interim appointments may be made at other times of the year to fill vacancies. An interim appointment will not be considered a full term for the purpose of determining whether a member has served the maximum number of terms permitted.

(d) Operating Guidelines. The CAC shall adopt, and may revise, such operating guidelines as it from time-to-time elects, which are not in conflict with

this section. The operating guidelines will address the following topics:

- (1) Terms and responsibilities of officers;
- (2) Procedures for conducting regular and special meetings;
- (3) Committee assignments and operations;
- (4) Attendance; and
- (5) Other matters pertinent to the CAC's operations.

(e) CAC Code of Conduct

- (1) A CAC member's recommendations or suggestions must be based upon general interest as a rider representative and not upon personal or professional interest. A member must disclose any personal or professional interest related to their recommendations or suggestions.
- (2) Any communications with the press related to GCRTA matters shall be expressly approved by the Board Liaison and CAC as a body.
- (3) Members shall obtain the Board of Trustees' approval of all messaging prior to advocating on behalf of GCRTA.
- ~~(1)~~(4) Members shall execute their duties hereunder in a manner that is consistent with GCRTA's Code of Ethics.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("CAC") OPERATING GUIDELINES

1. These Operating Guidelines are authorized and established by Chapter 222.02222.04 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
2. Officers.
 - A. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, the Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") will elect a Secretary.
 - B. The Chair conducts the regular and if possible, any special CAC meetings. The Vice Chair stands in for the Chair as needed.
 - C. The election of officers shall take place each year during the April meeting. If it is necessary to delay elections in any given year, the Chair will document, in writing, the need for such delay.
 - D. Officers shall be elected to one-year terms, ending at the April meeting of the following year. Officers may not serve more than six consecutive one-year terms.

D-3. Staff Liaison. The Staff Liaison is appointed under Section 222.04(a)(6) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to serve as the primary point of contact with the Authority.

3-4. Meetings.

- A. For purposes of establishing a quorum at all CAC meetings, at least 50% plus one of the CAC's members must approve actions of the CAC.
- B. Regular meetings.
 1. Regular CAC meetings shall be held quarterly, with possible exceptions for special events. The regular meetings will be used for presentations from, and discussions with, Authority staff and other parties of interest to the CAC, the setting of agendas, discussion of and action on topics of interest related to the CAC's mission and purpose, and organization and coordination of CACCommittee activities.
 2. The CAC will review programs and projects brought to them by the Board of Trustees or Authority staff.
 3. Members- of the general public are welcome to attend all meetings of the CAC and its Committeessubcommittees.
- C. Special meetings.
 1. Special meetings may be called by the Chair, at the request of any officer, or upon the written request of at least five members, provided at least forty-eight hours' notice is given.
 2. The Chair, Vice Chair, or Staff Liaison will notify CAC members of the time, place, and purpose of such special meeting, and no business other

than the specific topic around which the special meeting was called shall be considered.

- D. CAC members are encouraged, but not required, to attend public events, including community meetings, public hearings, groundbreakings, grand openings, and GCRTA Board Meetings.
- E. The business of the CAC shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

4.5. CommitteesSubcommittees. The CAC will have at least three standing subcommittees:

A. The ADA Advisory CommitteeSubcommittee; and

~~A.B.~~

~~B. The Transit Advocacy and Education Improvement Advisory CommitteeSubcommittee; and
The Advocacy Committee.~~

~~C.~~

C. The Rules Subcommittee.

D. Standing subcommittees will meet at least quarterly.

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~~E. Other committees, either standing or ad hoc, may be established as necessary to carry out the mission and purpose of the CAC.~~

F.E. CAC members will choose to participate on at least one subcommittee. Committee-Subcommittee participation is strongly encouraged.

G.F. For purposes of establishing a quorum, at least 50% plus one of each subcommittee's members must approve subcommittee actions.

H.G. Committees-Subcommittees shall meet, discuss, and make recommendations on matters referred to them by the CAC, Authority staff and/or the Board of Trustees.

I.H. Public participation is welcome at all subcommittee meetings.

5.6. Agendas. CAC meeting agendas shall be set by the Chair and Authority staff with input from the Board of Trustees. Agendas shall be posted five business days before the meeting date, if possible. A recommended agenda format is attached See as Exhibit 1.

6.7. Attendance.

A. Attendance at CAC meetings is required. A member wishing to be excused shall contact the Staff Liaison and/or the Chair.

B. A CAC member is permitted only two unexcused absences from regular meetings per calendar year. After three unexcused absences, the CAC ~~shall-~~ may notify the member in writing and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to ~~terminate-remove~~ the individual's ~~membership~~ from the CAC.

7.8. Guideline review process. Each July, ~~through an ad hoc committee, the CAC the~~ Rules Subcommittee shall review ~~its the~~ CAC's operating guidelines for appropriate additions, deletions, or amendments. All recommendations for changes shall be voted on by the full CAC and submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Ways to Watch: Link to Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: Info for dial-in; **Access Code:** *****

Written public comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by emailing gcrtaboard@gcrta.org or sending written comments to The Greater Cleveland Transit Authority, 1240 West 6th street, Cleveland, OH 44113. Written comments received by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting will be distributed to committee members before the meeting begins.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Consent Agenda

3. **Approve the Minutes**
4. **Community Advisory Subcommittee Reports**
5. **State and Federal Legislation Update - INFORMATION***
6. **Transportation Authority's Projects**

End of Consent Agenda

7. **Presentations and Approvals of Non-Standing Items***

Other Items

8. **Introduction of New Business – INFORMATION**
9. **Public Comment**
10. **Adjournment**

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are as needed

CHAPTER 465
Financial Assistance

- 465.01 Federal grant applications.
- 465.02 State grant applications.
- 465.03 Execution of grant contracts.
- 465.04 Documents, reports and information.
- 465.05 Acceptance and expenditure of funds.
- 465.06 Private grants.
- 465.07 Authority of Acting ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer,~~
Chief Executive Officer.

CROSS REFERENCES

- Federal Grants (MAP-21) – see 49 U.S.C.A. Chapter 53
- Requirements to receive Federal grants – see 49 U.S.C.A. 53807(c)(1)
- Borrowing from Federal, State, other governmental or private source - see Ohio R.C. 306.35(J)
- Grants from the United States, the State, other governmental or private sources – see Ohio R.C. 306.35(R)
- Grants for assistance for elderly and disabled – see Ohio R.C. 5501.07(B)
- Department of Internal Audit – see ADM. Ch. 260
- ~~Internal audit policies and GCRTA Internal Audit Charter procedures~~ – see ADM. Ch. 262
- Finance ~~and Administration~~ Division – see ADM. Ch. 286
- ~~Contracts and procurements~~ Procurement – see FIN. Ch. 410
- Debt ~~P~~olicies – see FIN. Ch. 420

465.01 FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS.

(a) Federal Grants.

- (1) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may execute and file applications for Federal assistance on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
- (2) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may execute and file with its applications, certifications and assurances and other documents the awarding agency may require for a Federal assistance grant or cooperating agreement.
(Res. 2007-165. Passed 11-20-07.)

(b) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~—may submit grant applications to the State of Ohio Department of Transportation, to provide for the State's share of the non-Federal funds necessary for Federal grant applications executed and filed as provided for in subsection (a)(1) hereof, and State funding for other eligible transit projects. (Res. 1992-158. Passed 9-22-92.)

(Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.02 STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS.

The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may submit grant applications, along with any necessary certifications and documentation, to the State of Ohio for State grant funds on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. (Res. 1992-17. Passed 1-21-92; Res. 1992-158. Passed 9-22-92; Res. 1993-158. Passed 9-21-93; Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.03 EXECUTION OF GRANT CONTRACTS.

(a) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may execute grant and cooperative agreements with awarding Federal agencies on behalf of the Authority.

(b) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may execute grant contracts with the State of Ohio on behalf of the Authority. (Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.04 DOCUMENTS, REPORTS AND INFORMATION.

(a) Information Required by the State of Ohio. The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may furnish such additional information, assurances or other documentation, execute any and all documents or assurances and make such reports as is necessary and required by the State of Ohio for State grant funds on behalf of the Authority. (Res. 1992-17. Passed 1-21-92.)

(b) Information Required by the United States Government.

(1) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may execute and file assurances or other documents, and furnish such additional information as the awarding Federal agencies may require in connection with Federal grant applications on behalf of the Authority.

(2) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the procurement needs for projects funded by Federal grants.

(Res. 1993-156. Passed 9-21-93; Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.05 ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

(a) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may accept Federal funds from awarding Federal agencies on behalf of the Authority and expend such funds in accordance with applicable law, regulations and grant agreements. (Res. 2007-165. Passed 11-20-07.)

(b) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may accept and receive funds from the State of Ohio and expend the same pursuant to the terms and conditions of corresponding grant contracts with the State of Ohio. (Res. 1992-17. Passed 1-21-92.)

(c) The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ may apply to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") and the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") for funds allocated by NOACA, execute any necessary agreements with NOACA and FTA, accept Federal funds from the FTA, received through agreements with NOACA, and expend such funds in accordance with applicable law, regulations and grant agreements. (Res. 1976-171. Passed 5-25-76.) (Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.06 PRIVATE GRANTS.

The ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ is hereby authorized to borrow or accept grants from private sources in accordance with State law.
(Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

465.07 AUTHORITY OF ACTING GENERAL MANAGER/ ~~SECRETARY-TREASURER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.~~

In the absence of the ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~, the Acting ~~CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer~~ of the Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the functions described in this chapter.
(Res. 1992-17. Passed 1-21-92; Res. 1992-157. Passed 9-22-92; Res. 1992-158. Passed 9-22-92; Res. 2016-69. Passed 8-16-16.)

~~640.03 POLITICAL ACTIVITY.~~

~~(a) Employees are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities which may interfere with various regulations governing agencies with programs financed by Federal grants. These activities include a candidacy for public office in a partisan election, using official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election or a nomination for office and directly or indirectly soliciting contributions from subordinates in support of a political party or candidate. Authority employees may be a candidate for public office in a non-partisan election, campaign for and hold elective office in political clubs and organizations and campaign for candidates for public office in political fund-raising functions, provided that these activities are not conducted on Authority property and do not interfere with the employment activity of the employee or interfere in any way with related Authority activities.~~

~~(b) The CEO/General Manager may, at his or her discretion, review the political activities of any Authority employee. When these activities are found to interfere or to be incompatible with Authority employment and present a conflict of interest, the CEO/General Manager shall limit or request the employee to terminate such activities.~~

100.03 POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

(a) Authority employees may, while acting in their personal capacity and not as a representative of the Authority, be a candidate for public office in a partisan or non-partisan election, campaign for and hold elective office in political clubs and organizations and campaign for candidates for public office in political fund-raising functions, provided that these activities are not conducted on Authority property and do not interfere with the employment activity of the employee or interfere in any way with related Authority activities.

(ab) Employees are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities which may interfere with various regulations governing agencies with programs financed by ~~Federal~~ federal grants. These activities include ~~a candidacy for public office in a partisan election~~, using official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election or a nomination for office and directly or indirectly soliciting contributions from subordinates in support of a political party or candidate.

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(c) Nothing in this Section prohibits an employee from voting as they choose or expressing their personal opinions on political subjects and candidates.