

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

10:41 a.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Committee Members: Lucas (Chair), Moss (Vice Chair), Mersmann, Sleasman, Welch

Not present: Biasiotta, Joyce, Koomar, Weiss

Staff/Other: Becker, Birdsong Terry, Catalusci, Caver, Dangelo, Davidson, Davis, Feke, Feliciano, Ferraro, Fleig, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Jones, Martin, McGervey, McManus, Miller, Polly, Ponder, Prebish, Schipper, Shaffer, Tarka, Temming, Togher, Young

Public: Gibbons, Loh

The meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m. There were five (5) committee members present. Mayor Biasiotta had to leave early.

President Lucas asked for anyone sitting in for the Executive Management staff during meetings, to introduce themselves. Jose Feliciano, Intergovernmental Relations Officer filled in for Natoya Walker Minor, Deputy General Manager of Administration and External Affairs; Scott Ferraro, Senior Director of Labor Relations & Compliance filled in for George Fields, Deputy General Manager, Human Resources and Anna Hlavacs, Senior Counsel for Transactions, Legal Division filled in for Janet Burney, General Counsel, Deputy General Manager for Legal Affairs.

Code Book Updates

Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel, II, gave the presentation. The Board policies were codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176). They are undergoing a review and update to bring the policies in line with current operations. The policies are subject to review and revision every 3 years.

Workers' Compensation

- Recommend removing Section 644.11 Workers' Compensation as duplicative of Personnel Policy 400.11
- No changes to Personnel Policy 400.11

Professional Society Membership (last reviewed in 2013)

- Recommend removing Section 644.14 Professional Society Membership as duplicative of Personnel Policy 400.14
- Recommend amending Personnel Policy 400.14
 - Provide for RTA to pay license fees directly
 - Increase limit for memberships to \$1,000.00

The second recommendation is to accommodate the fact that there have been increases in fees for professional employees. This applies to employees whose jobs require them to have a license such as attorneys, engineers, etc. It's beneficial to have employees participate in professional organizations for reasons such as reduced prices for continuing education.

Transit Amenities

- Section 1014.01 requires 50 daily boardings at a bus stop to justify a shelter
- Recommend changing the policy from 50 to 30

- The change makes approximately 30 - 40 unsheltered stops eligible for a shelter if site allows
- The change supports the Strategic Plan

Vehicle Assignment

- Recommend amending Section 1014.02(d) to:
 - Acknowledge use of "Trolley" vehicles on non-Trolley service routes
 - Update assignment of standard transit buses to reflect NEXT GEN service profile

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend these provisions to the Board of Trustees for approval. President Lucas asked about the trolley policy. Ms. Tarka said currently the policy says that trolleys can only be used on trolley routes. Ms. Moss said continuing education is not a membership or license. Ms. Tarka explained that continuing education costs is coverage under Training.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Ms. Welch and approved to move the WC provision to the full Board.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move the Membership provision to the full Board.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Ms. Mersmann and approved to move the Transit Amenities provision to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant