

Minutes

RTA Committee of the Whole Meeting

11:02 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Committee Members: Koomar (Vice Chair), Love, McPherson, Mersmann, Sleasman, Weiss, Welch

Not present: Biasiotta, Love, Lucas

Staff/Other: Becker, Birdsong Terry, Bober, Burney, Caver, Colonna, Dangelo, Davidson, Feliciano, Ferraro, Fleig, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Hudson, Jenkins, Jones, Jones, Jupina, Kirkland, LaTourette, Lincoln, Lively, Miller, Mothes, Peganoff, Prebish, Schipper, Schultz, Sutula, Talley, Tarka, Walker Minor, Woodford

Public: Gibbons

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. There were six (6) committee members present. President Lucas and Mayor Biasiotta had to leave early.

Code Book Updates

Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel II gave the presentation.

The Board Policies ("Code Book") were codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176). They are reviewing and updating them to bring the policies in line with current operations. They are subject to review every 3 years. Today's discussion includes two provisions.

Definitions and Interpretation

- Recommend amending Chapter 212
- In Resolution No. 2015-100, changed title of Code Book from "Policies and Procedures of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority" to "Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority"
- Update title in Chapter 212

Financial Assistance

- Recommend amending Chapter 465
- Authorizes applications for federal, state and NOACA-administered grants
- Expand language for NOACA so annual resolution won't be needed
- Update General Manager's title

The purpose of these revisions is to streamline the process. They confirmed with ODOT and NOACA that the language in the Code Book provide sufficient authority for supporting our grant applications without the need to bring a resolution to the Board.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend these provisions to the Board of Trustees for approval. It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sleasman and approved to move this to the full Board.

Executive Session Requested

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- To review the negotiations concerning the compensation/terms and conditions of the employment for GCRTA's (union) employees.
- To enable the Board to conference with GCRTA attorneys for information gathering, fact finding, and to receive legal advice.

11:07 a.m. - It was moved by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Sleasman. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed.

11:31 a.m. - It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Ms. Welch to come out of executive session. There were six (6) ayes and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Assistant