

# Allen County Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees Meeting October 14, 2025

The Allen County Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees met on **October 14**, **2025** @ **12:00 p.m**. in the Allen County Regional Transit Conference Room, 200 East High Street, Suite 1-B, Lima, Ohio. Proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting. Mr. Moening, ACRTA Board President, conducted the meeting.

PRESENT: Robert Moening, President

STAFF: Brian Wildermuth, Executive Director - Operations

Scott Cockerell, Vice President

Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Richard Schroeder

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CONTRACTORS:

None

Jack DeWitt

Daniel Kimmet

LACRPC:

Rebecca Phillips, Executive Director

ABSENT:

**Brad Taylor** 

CITIZENS:

None

#### **Minutes:**

#### 1. Roll Call

Mr. Moening called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. Ms. Brown took roll call. A quorum of the Board was present.

# 2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Mrs. Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. DeWitt made a motion to approve the September 9, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# 4. Citizens Comments

None

# 5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ms. Brown presented August's financials, including a summary of profit and loss, YTD comparison to budget, detailed profit and loss prior year comparison, and balance sheet.

A Cash Receipts Journal and a Cash Disbursements Journal were also included. Revenue is up and expenses were under budget, with a net gain for the YTD.

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 6. Action Items and ED Report

Ridership was up 241 rides from last month and down 59 from the same time last year. JFS extended their service contract. Heir Force school had started off doing their own transportation this school year but have already switched back to using ACRTA.

The flooring company missed a coat when they were redoing the original garage floor, so they are redoing it. Everything is in the new section at the moment. By next month everything inside should be put where it belongs, and the concrete will be at least poured and walkable outside. The fuel tanks are in and the pumps should be by then also. Mr. Moening requested that a garage tour be added to the November agenda.

Between the excavators and the archaeologists, they recovered sixteen caskets, nine of which had remains from the old cemetery in them. There is a change order from the Mannik Smith Group, the archeologists who performed the work, for the additional time on site and burial of the remains.

Springfield (SCAT) is getting out of doing fixed route services and their ADA Paratransit and moving to strictly Microtransit, so they are selling all of their current fleet through GovDeals, an online auction site. Out of their fleet, ACRTA is interested in purchasing two 30' 2020 Gillig buses if the price is good. Brian will be in Cincinnati one day next week, so he is going to try to stop and look at them while he is down there.

Angel Lee, our ODOT representative, will be here for a visit next week. She will get a tour of the facilities and sit in at our Small Urban meeting with our NeoRide representative Kayla.

Brian went to Van Wert and met with their Mayor, Mr. Markward and the Safety Services Director, Mr. Fleming. They are excited about the new service. ACRTA is holding a job fair at the Van Wert JFS on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9a-12p and 1p-4p. The map for Micro Transit is nearly completed.

Mrs. Payne made a motion to approve the purchase of up to \$50,00 each for the two 2020 Gillig Buses Springfield is selling through GovDeals. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the change order of \$45,600 for the Mannik Smith Group archeological work. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 25-4 – ODOT SFY 2026 Grants. Mrs. Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeWitt made a motion to approve Resolution 25-5 - ODOT SFY 2027 Grants. Mr. Kimmet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### 7. Discussion Items

None.

# 8. RPC Updates

Mrs. Phillips reported that LACRPC's building is in the process of getting a new façade. They are also redoing their conference room. Megan Kinnear continues the marketing efforts on behalf of ACRTA with the Baby on Board grant, social media postings for the hiring event, and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> she will be at an event at OSU Lima to talk to college students about riding the buses.

#### 9. Executive Session

Mr. Moening made a motion to move to Executive Session for the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee (121.22 (G)(1)), and also to hold conference with ACRTA's attorney concerning pending court action (121.22 (G)(3)). Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Schroeder - yes, Mr. Cockerell - yes, Mr. Moening - yes, Mrs. Payne - yes, Mr. Kimmet – yes, Mr. DeWitt – yes.

Ms. Brown and Mrs. Phillips left the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Mr. Wildermuth left the meeting at approximately 12:28 p.m.

Roll call to return: Mr. Schroeder - yes, Mr. Cockerell - yes, Mr. Moening - yes, Mrs. Payne - yes, Mr. Kimmet - yes, Mr. DeWitt - yes.

The meeting was back on record at approximately 1:27 p.m. Ms. Brown and Mr. Wildermuth returned to the meeting. No action was taken at this time.

#### 10. Adjourn

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Moening seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:28 p.m.

Submitted: <u>Musa Brown</u>
Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

Robert Moening, ACRTA Board President