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NEORide Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2025

Location: Doubletree by Hilton Canton Downtown, 1700 55th Street, Canton, Ohio

Time: 09:00 AM

Attendees: Dina Reed, Michelle Whitlow, Ann Arbor; Liz McClurg, Ashland; Matthew Dutkevicz, BCRTA; Bryan Smith, CityBus; Shari Chick, CARTS; Patrick Harris, COTA; Brandon Policicchio, Sally Brown Dayton RTA; Terri Clay, Jennifer Pyrz; Indigo; Justus Welker, Johnson County; Jacob Pitman, KRT; Ben Capelle, Laketran; Jeremiah Cox, MACOG; Dawn Distler, Metro RTA; Ryan Craig, NKADD; Kelly Jurisch, Brian Trautman PARTA; Cheryl Boley, Perry County; Jean Taddie, Richland County Transit Board, Joshua Miranda, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; Mark Finnicum, Ralph Lee, SARTA; Andy Aiello, Khaled Shammout. SORTA; Tim Turner, Steel Valley; Nicolas Wilkinson, TANK; Lucas Boehm, Rick Bailey, TARTA; Dean Harris, WRTA, Katherine Conrad, Naomi Wells, Michelle Robinson, Kayla Kinkead, Corey Tarter, NEORide, Barbara Rhodes, Carlell Howard, OTRP, Ryan Spitzer, Isaac Wiles

**1. 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Canton Mayor William V. Sherer II and
Director of Strategic Initiatives at U.S. Department of Transportation, Shaz
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2. Call to Order at 9:15 AM

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Capelle.

PURPOSE STATEMENT OF NEORIDE:

The purpose of NEORide is to plan, promote, further and enhance transportation options within the jurisdictions of the Members by encouraging cooperative agreements and coordinating action among the members, and between the members and other governmental agencies, private persons, corporations, or agencies.

3. Consent Docket-Motion to Approve and Affirm all items

- a. Approve Board Meeting Agenda of 9-10-25.**
- b. Approve NEORide Annual Meeting Minutes 09/11/2024.**

4. Introduction of NEORide Members

- a. Completed by Ms. Conrad**

5. Presentation: NEORide Year in Review

- a. Completed by Ms. Conrad

6. Annual Election for Board Officers

- a. Completed by Mr. Spitzer

7. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

- a. Completed by Mr. Smith and Mr. Spitzer

b. Current Officers:

- i. Mr. Ben Capelle, Chairman of the Board
- ii. Mr. Bryan Smith, Vice Chairman
- iii. Mr. Dean Harris, Secretary/ Treasurer
- iv. Ms. Barbra Rhodes, Fiscal Officer (non-voting)

1. ACTION: Motion to Accept and Confirm the Recommendation to keep the current slate of officers through September 2026- Mr. Spitzer

- o Motion: Mr. Patrick Harris
- o Second: Ms. McClurg
- o Outcome: Passed, none opposed

2. ACTION: Motion to approve the Board Officer Elections and Nominating Committee Policy approved by the Governance Committee on 5/23/2025

- o Motion: Mr. Dean Harris
- o Second: Mr. Smith
- o Outcome: Passed, none opposed

3. ACTION: Motion to amend the agenda to appoint the following members to the nominating committee: Dina Reed, AAATA; Jarrod Hampshire, METRO RTA and Mike Salamone, TCT

- o Motion: Mr. Smith
- o Second: Mr. Shammout
- o Outcome: Three members volunteered for nominating committee
- o Passed, none opposed.

4. ACTION: Motion to approve the Member Withdrawal approved by the Governance Committee on 5/23/2025

Mr. Spitzer reviewed the members withdrawal policy as developed and approved by the Governance Committee.

- o Motion: Mr. Smith
- o Second: Mr. Cox
- o Outcome: Passed, none opposed.

5. ACTION: Motion to Accept and Confirm Volunteers to be on NEORide Executive Committee Term - October 2025 - September 2026

Ms. Conrad took roll of those that volunteered for the committee term. Ms. Conrad reminded all attendees that the Executive Committee is volunteer but does require attendance to all meetings.

- o Motion: Mr. Dean Harris
- o Second: Ms. Reed

- Outcome: Passed, none opposed.
- 6. **ACTION: Motion to approve strategic updates and objectives for 2025-2026 as recommended by the Governance Committee on 4/15/2025**
 - a. **2024-2026 Strategic Plan**
 - Motion: Mr. Policicchio
 - Second: Ms. Reed
 - Outcome: Passed, none opposed.
- 7. **ACTION: Motion to Approve NEORide Administrative Dues for 2025 as approved by the Governance Committee on 5/23/2025- Ms. Conrad**
 - Motion: Mr. Dean Harris
 - Second: Mr. Smith
 - Outcome: Passed, none opposed
- 8. **ACTION: Motion to Approve the NEORide Administrative Budget for 2025 as approved by the Governance Committee on 5/23/2025- Ms. Conrad**
 - Motion: Mr. Patrick Harris, COTA
 - Second: Mr. Smith
 - Abstain: Mr. Lee, SARTA
 - Outcome: Passed, none opposed
- 9. **ACTION: Motion to Approve Cybersecurity Policy**
 - Motion: Mr. Cox
 - Second: Mr. Dutkevicz
 - Outcome: Passed, none opposed

4. REPORTS

REPORT - Financial Report @ 8/31/25- Ms. Rhoades

Ms. Rhoades reviewed financial and budget updates.

REPORT- Treasurers Report- Mr. Harris

Mr. Harris stated that he reviewed the treasurer's report and found it to be in good order.

Guest Communications – N/A

Adjournment

ACTION - Motion for Adjournment

- Motion: Mr. Harris
- Second: Mr. Smith
- Outcome: Passed, none opposed
- **Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at approx. 10:00 am EST.