NEORide Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2026 • 1:00–2:30 PM Eastern
NEORide Offices, One Park Center Drive, Suite 300, Wadsworth, OH
Hybrid Meeting (In Person & Microsoft Teams)

Attendance

Dina Reed, Ann Arbor; Ben Capelle, Laketran; Matthew Dutkevicz, Luke Morgan, BCRTA; Shari Chick, CARTS; Patrick, COTA; Bryan Smith, City Bus; Joshua Miranda, Cleveland RTA; Brandon Policicchio, Greater Dayton RTA; Justus Walker, Johnson County; Jacob Pitman, KRT; Ben Capelle, Laketran; Fred Combs, Lextran; Jeremiah Cox, MACOG; Johnathan Siebeking, METS; Jarrod Hampshire, METRO RTA; Jim Bongiorno, MTA; Ryan Craig, NKADD; Brian Trautman, PARTA; Kylie Calcei, PARTA; Ralph Lewe, SARTA; Clayton Popik, SARTA; Gina Douthat, TANK; Rick Bailey, James Karasek, TARTA; Dean Harris, WRTA; Katherine Conrad, Cristian Kornea, Elaine Kilker, Naomi Wells, Angel Wisenburg, Michelle Robinson, OTRP; Ryan Spitezer, Isaac Wiles

Call to Order

Chair Ben Capelle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Roll call was conducted.

Purpose Statement

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 with governmental agencies, private organizations, and other partners.

ACTION: A motion to take all votes at this meeting by unanimous consent. If this motion passes and an objection is taken on a later vote, a roll call vote must occur on that specific motion/voting. NEORide will publicly provide information on how NEORide members voted, including abstentions for all votes taken unanimously.

- First: Mr. Harris
- Second: Mr. Miranda
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed.

Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Agenda of 6-25-26.

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- First: Mr. Hampshire
- Second: Mr. Trautman

- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed.

Action Items

1. Updated Fiscal Agent Compensation Agreement

Review and ratify the NEORide/Fiscal Agent Updated Compensation Agreement for 2026 - Base agreement does not change - exhibits/attachments are updated yearly or as needed. (Ms. Conrad)

Ms. Conrad reviewed that the only change was to add on the funding for the Springfield Transit project.

- First: Ms. Reed
- Second: Mr. Hampshire
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

2. Salesforce Renewal Contract

Motion to approve Salesforce renewal contract in an amount not to exceed $178,738 subject to final legal review. (Ms. Conrad)

Ms. Conrad reviewed that this is the third year contract renewal for Salesforce. Current transit users include WRTA, CARTS, SORTA and BCRTA.

- First: Mr. Policicchio
- Second: Mr. Miranda
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

3. Nelson/Nygaard No-Cost Extension

Motion to approve a no cost extension for Nelson/Nygaard to December 31,2026 subject to final legal review.

Ms. Conrad reviewed that this contract is for the feasibility study of regional fare payment.

- First: Mr. Harris
- Second: Ms. Reed
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

4. Via/CityMapper Native Integration Agreement

Ms. Conrad reviewed that this contract will be paid for by ATCMTD grant funding and provide a much requested native integration with both Via and CityMapper.

ACTION: Motion to approve a software addendum as a service agreement for a native integration with Via and CityMapper as recommended by the EZfare Committee on June 18,2026 subject to final legal review.

- First: Mr. Harris
- Second: Mr. Miranda

- Outcome: All in favor. None opposed

5. Flexlynqs Master Services Agreement

Ms. Conrad stated that an RFP was conducted with Flexlynqs scoring at the top. NEORide has the option to approve up to two contractors for this project. The evaluation committee is still evaluating awarding a second contract.

ACTION: Motion to approve a Master Service Agreement with Flexlynqs for Technology Consulting subject to final legal review.

- First: Mr. Miranda
- Second: Mr. Policicchio
- All in favor, none opposed

6. Flexlynqs Participation Agreement for Procurement Services

ACTION: Motion to execute a participation agreement on behalf of NEORide for Flexlynqs to provide procurement services for microtransit and paratransit software in an amount not to exceed $45,000 to be funded by the ATCMTD grant subject to final legal review.

- First: Mr. Smith
- Second: Ms. Chick
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

7. ATTAIN Technology Consultant Agreement

Ms. Conrad stated that an RFP was conducted with Flexlynqs scoring at the top.

ACTION: Motion to approve a technology consultant agreement for the ATTAIN grant project in an amount not to exceed $798,000 through November 17,2029 subject to final legal review.

- First: Mr. Policicchio
- Second: Mr. Miranda
- Outcome: All in favor. None opposed

8. Scheidt & Bachmann Farebox Master Services Agreement

ACTION: Motion to approve a Master Service Agreement with Scheidt & Bachmann for Fareboxes subject to final legal review.

- First: Ms. Douthat
- Second: Mr. Cox
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed.
  - (Mr. Bongiorno Abstained)

9. Revised Joint Procurement Policy

Ms. Conrad reviewed the changes allowing for an administrative fee charged to vendors moving away from fees charged to transit agencies directly.

ACTION: Motion to approve revised Joint Procurement Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee on June 1, 2026.

- First: Mr. Lee
- Second. Miranda
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

10. Perrone Robotics Contract Modification Authorization

Discussion: Perrone Robotics Contract Discussion (Ms. Conrad). Ms. Conrad reviewed the status of the SMART Grant project and the status of the contract with Perrone. Discussion ensued regarding next steps.

Motion to authorize Katherine Conrad, Executive Director of NEORide and Ralph Lee, CEO of SARTA to modify the agreement with Perrone Robotics that does not exceed the existing approved expenditure.

- First: Mr. Miranda
- Second: Mr. Harris
- Outcome: All in favor, none opposed

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:47 PM following a motion by Mr. Hampshire, seconded by Mr. Lee, approved unanimously.