

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
KANAWHA VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

September 26, 2024

The Board of Members of the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA) met for its regular monthly meeting at the offices of the Authority (with attendance both in person and via video conferencing) at 8:45 AM on Thursday, September 26, 2024, pursuant to proper notice to the public and news media.

Present were President Todd Goldman, Valerie Gainer, Michael Farmer, and Jay Snodgrass (representing Kanawha County), Heidi Bonnett Adams*, Bobbie Spry, and Thomas Toliver (representing the City of Charleston), Mayor David Casebolt* (representing the City of Nitro), Jean Arthur (representing the City of South Charleston), Robert Sutphin (representing the City of St. Albans), and Maurice Anderson* (representing the City of Montgomery). Also present were members of KRT staff: Chris Baldwin, Jessica Gardner, Travis Garrett, Kelsey Harrah, Sean Hill, Jacob Pitman, and Angie Talbott. Additionally, the following persons were in attendance: Grace Hurney of Jackson Kelly PLLC (legal counsel to the Authority), Jeffery Mace* and Sam Richardson* (RIC), Brett Meadows (representing ATU Local 1742), Monica Mason and Tracy Surface (representing KCEAA), and David Smith.

* - denotes virtual attendance

Absent were Larry Bailey and Marc Doughty.

President Todd Goldman called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone and taking a roll call. The reading of the minutes of the August 22, 2024, meeting was dispensed with as each member of the Board had been previously provided with a copy thereof. A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Toliver. The motion was duly seconded and carried with unanimous consent.

Ms. Gardner presented the financial statements for August 2024, consisting of the statement of net position, the statement of revenues and expenses, a comparative analysis of operations, the four weeks moving totals for passenger revenues, and a statistical analysis of operations. Ms. Gardner stated operating revenues for August 2024 totaled \$371,599 and expenses totaled \$1,528,996. Ms. Gardner also noted the changes in total operating revenues and expenses in comparison to the prior year. The financial statements for August 2024 were received, filed as presented, and directed to be attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

President Goldman moved to the discussion of an invoice submitted by the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority (KCEAA) in the amount of \$135,000 for the purchase of one ambulance. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve payment of the invoice was made by Mr. Snodgrass. The motion was duly seconded and carried with unanimous consent.

President Goldman then moved to Old Business. President Goldman turned to Mr. Zickafoose to present the Insurance Report. Mr. Zickafoose reported two new insurance claims for August 2024. Mr. Pitman then presented the KAT/Operations Report and noted the amount received from the State Opioid Response (SOR) program for August 2024, totaling \$152,269.

President Goldman moved to the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Action. The COA Committee held two meetings to finalize a recommendation for proposed service and fare structure changes. A public hearing on the proposed recommendation was held on September 25, 2024. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the recommendation for service and fare structure changes was made by Ms. Gainer. The motion was duly seconded and carried with Mr. Sutphin voting in opposition.

President Goldman then moved to New Business with the Transit Van RFP Selection. Proposals were received from Rohrer, Sonny Merryman, Bus Service Inc, and Model1. The staff recommendation for the purchase of transit vans to support the KRTplus service is Model1. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the proposal from Model1 was made by Mr. Sutphin. The motion was duly seconded and carried with unanimous consent.

President Goldman turned to Mr. Hill for the Automated Vehicle (AV) Introduction. Mr. Hill provided an informational update on new and emerging autonomous vehicle technology for transit entities.

President Goldman then moved to the Public Comments portion of the meeting. No remarks were provided.

With nothing further to be discussed, President Goldman adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 8:45 AM at the offices of the Authority, located at 1550 Fourth Avenue in Charleston.