

Mr. Dan Steele
Mr. Keith Taylor
Mr. Darrell Taylor
Ms. Madonna Van Fossen
Ms. Brenda Ynclan

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Motor City Freedom Riders

Mr. Eugene Conway
Ms. Tiffany Gunter
Mr. Ben
Ms. Ruth Johnson
Mr. Joel Batterman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Abdul Haidous called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM.

A) Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Abdul Haidous, Vice-Chairman John Paul Rea, Mr. Gerald Poisson, Mr. Royce Maniko, Mr. Rudy Hobbs, Mr. Robert Daddow, and Ms. Melissa Roy

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Ms. Melissa Roy, that the Board adopt the agenda for the October 13, 2015 Special Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Certification of Public Notice

The Secretary read the Public Notice into the record.

5. Public Participation

Chairman Haidous declared the meeting open for public participation.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. John Swatosh, Former Deputy GM of SMART

- Mr. Swatosh has been following SMART's progress after his retirement. SMART reduced service by 20% in the past and its first priority should be to restore service to all opt-in communities. SMART should not be forced to fix the City of Detroit's transportation problems since the City of Detroit is an opt-out community. Wayne County Board members have a responsibility to the tax paying communities in outer Wayne County, not the city of Detroit.

Ms. Ruth Johnson, TRU

- Ms. Johnson disagreed with Mr. Swatosh. She would like to see a restoration of SMART's services into the City of Detroit and stated that SMART should provide excellent services throughout the region.

Mr. Joel Batterman, Motor City Freedom Riders

- Mr. Batterman would advocate for service restoration outside of the hours currently provided, especially on the Woodward, Gratiot and Michigan corridors. He feels that gains for the riders needs to be SMART's priority.

Mr. Eugene Conway, Passenger

- Mr. Conway reminded SMART that Northland Mall will be torn down within the next six months and that SMART needs to find an alternative lay-over area for its buses. Mr. Conway also asked that full service be restored to the 125 route.

6. Chairman's Report

DISCUSSION:

None

7. General Manager's Report

DISCUSSION:

None

8. New Business

A. Study Session: Regional Transit Authority Fiscal Year 2016 Federal Funding Allocation Service-Based Concept

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gerald Poisson, seconded by Mr. Rudy Hobbs, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation direct the General Manager to have Staff contact the Regional Transit Authority and respectfully ask RTA's staff what were the assumptions that went into the \$4.5 million dollar cost in order for SMART to be able to compare the difference between SMART's calculation and the RTA's calculation. Staff should have RTA's calculation prior to the meeting in Oakland County on Friday, October 16th at 9:00 am.

DISCUSSION:

After a lengthy discussion with multiple view points; Mr. Poisson and Mr. Hobbs directed Staff to contact the RTA for their calculation.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Board Member Business

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Board member Mr. Gerald Poisson, seconded by Mr. Rudy Hobbs, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany C. Martin
Secretary to the Board of Directors