

OAKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Chairperson Piana called the meeting of the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority (OCPTA) to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Pernick-Aaron Conference Room of the Board of Commissioners' Auditorium Wing, at 1200 North Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12E, Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie Piana, Marie Donigan, David Harrell

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Rashon Byrd, Tameka Ramsey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Donigan moved approval of the minutes of May 25, 2021, as presented. Seconded by Harrell.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Piana indicated that Item #3, the Dickinson Wright contract extension, would be moved up as Item #2, and the report from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) would become Item #3.

Donigan moved approval of the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Harrell.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Amy Carter, Junior Accountant, Treasurer's Office, provided a brief overview of the Treasurer's Report for FY 2020-2021, Month 12. The report consists of the OCPTA Authority Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenditures, Non-Expenditure Payments, Municipal Credits, Transfers from Tax Collection/Payments to SMART, and Interest Earned, as of June 30, 2021

Donigan moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Seconded by Harrell.

Motion carried.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH DICKINSON WRIGHT FOR 1-YEAR

Donigan moved to extend the OCPTA contract for legal services with Dickinson Wright for one year. Seconded by Ramsey.

Motion carried on a roll call vote with Byrd and Ramsey absent.

3. SMART UPDATE

Robert Cramer, CEO, SMART, provided a brief update on current happenings with SMART. Mr. Cramer noted SMART plans to continue conducting remote meetings as the City of Detroit is still operating under a State of Emergency; however, plans are being made for return to in-person meetings with enhanced options for live streaming with public participation.

SMART has begun to deploy articulated buses, with more seating, USB stations, and improved window options. SMART plans to engage social media for suggestions on how to update the exteriors of the new buses. SMART is looking to expand Microtransit services, making them available in areas previously covered by other services. Preparations for expanded service options during the upcoming Woodward Dream Cruise are underway. SMART has been approached by Wayne State University about enhancing SMART services for its staff and students. Chairperson Piana requested that SMART work with local communities to enhance the publicity of services SMART offers.

4. MILLAGE RENEWAL

Discussion was held regarding procedures, timeline, and strategy for the upcoming millage renewal process. Mr. Cramer, SMART, and David T. Woodward, Chairperson, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, provided insight on how to prepare for this renewal.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Aaron Snover, Legislative Coordinator

Marie Donigan, Secretary

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.