

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
January 9, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance chart for OKI board members along with guests and staff follows the minutes.

Item #1A - Administration

OKI Board President Gary Moore called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He asked Mr. Craig Beckley, Resident Member, who is celebrating his 30th year on the OKI Board of Directors to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. President Moore reminded everyone to sign in and to state their name when making a motion, second or comment.

President Moore welcomed everyone in attendance and shared that the 2025 board of directors' election would take place towards the end of the meeting. He reminded members of the OKI Annual Luncheon, scheduled for January 28th at Turfway Park in Florence. He shared that Secretary Jim Gray from KYTC is the keynote speaker and he encouraged members to attend and register for their complimentary ticket to the luncheon.

Item #1B - Approval of November 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

President Moore requested approval of the November 14 Executive Committee meeting minutes as distributed. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer and Resident Member moved that the minutes be approved as presented. A second was received from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer; motion passed.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

CEO Mark Policinski welcomed everyone in attendance and noted with the seating of the new board of directors that some long-serving OKI BOD members are retiring from the board, they include Boone County Commissioner Cathy Flaig, Resident Member Larry Maxey, and Newport Commissioner Beth Fennell. He thanked them for their distinguished service and friendship. He next welcomed Mr. Doug Gruver who is now leading ODOT District 8 since BOD member Tammy Campbell retired.

Mr. Policinski shared that OKI provides approximately \$55m each year on projects in the region, in which jurisdictions apply. He shared that OKI is the most decorated MPO in the country according to the Federal Highway Administration, who is OKI's cognizant federal agent. Many OKI projects and processes have been deemed "Best Practice" by USDOT.

He invited both returning and new members to the Board Orientation continental breakfast held before the February 13 Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Policinski stated the Presidential election will usher in many changes and we await how the administration manages transportation. The DOT Secretary designee is Sean Duffy, a former 5-term Congressman from Wisconsin.

He also stated the new Transportation bill will be up in 2026; the federal transportation bill sets the formula for funding for MPOs. He will monitor any changes in regulations on how OKI provides your jurisdictions with funding.

Mr. Policinski stated that the damage to the 471 bridge is a major regional problem. He noted that at the November Executive Committee meeting, OKI shared how the closed south side of the bridge has affected other bridges and traffic patterns. He invited David Shuey, OKI staff (Director of OKI's Information Systems and Analytics) to share pictures of the repair/construction process taken by OKI's unmanned drones. Mr. Shuey noted that the heat was so incredibly high in order to melt the steel like plastic. The size of the hole on the bridge deck is approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet wide.

Mr. Policinski closed his comments stating that this is President Moore's last term of his Presidency, he is the longest serving board president in OKI's history. He noted that he is the only person to serve as President of the National Association of Regional Councils and President of the National Association of Counties. His knowledge of transportation matters at all levels is remarkable and he is well respected throughout the country.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of January 9, 2025, OKI had:

\$149,329 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$22,340 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,006,350 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Ms. Hannum shared there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and there is not an outstanding balance to date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information.

President Moore requested a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner David Painter provided a motion; Councilmember Mark Jeffreys seconded the motion; motion passed.

Item #2 – Boone County Transportation Plan Update

Deputy Executive Director Bob Koehler stated that OKI is assisting Boone County Fiscal Court in the preparation of a 2025 Boone County Transportation Plan Update. On October 15, 2024, A Request for Qualifications for Consultant Services was publicly posted with a deadline for submittals on November 14, 2024. He noted that a selection committee conducted an extensive review process to choose a consultant team to help Boone County identify, update, and prioritize their multimodal transportation needs for now and in the future. Special tasks included in this

Update will consider the impacts and implications of freight, tourism, and technological advancements. This item authorizes the OKI CEO to execute a contract with a selected consultant in an amount not to exceed \$134,998.50.

President Moore requested a motion for OKI 2025-01 which was provided by Boone County Engineer and Resident Member Rob Franxman. A second was provided by Ms. Gina Douthat, TANK, Voting Ex-Officio member; motion passed.

Item #3 – Title VI Program Update

OKI staff, Jenny Newcomb shared that the OKI Title VI Plan describes the program and activities implemented by staff to ensure OKI meets the legal requirements and responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Transportation as a recipient of Federal financial assistance. Ms. Newcomb said OKI staff regularly reviews the Title VI Plan to ensure equal opportunity to all persons to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2025-02 which was provided by Mr. Darryl Haley, SORTA and Voting Ex-Officio member, with a second from Councilmember Susan Hoover; motion passed.

Item #4 – ICC Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided an update of the ICC TEAMS virtual meeting held on January 7, 2025. He shared that Deputy Director Koehler led a discussion of possible changes to OKI's Prioritization Process for 2025 and the committee approved a TIP Administrative Modification. He also noted three resolutions were recommended for BOD approval, they were: 1. Boone County Transportation Plan, 2. Title VI Program Update and 3. TIP Amendment #12.

Item #5 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee 2024 Attendance

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser shared the 2024 Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC) attendance, which was included in the board meeting materials packet. He said the average monthly attendance is 38 committee members for the nine meetings in 2024 (62 members in ICC). He shared that this was the highest attendance average since 2020, when many meetings were virtual. He also provided the average attendance chart since 2015.

Item #6 – Amendment #12 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser stated Resolution 2025-03 is Amendment #12 to the FY24-27 TIP. He noted that periodically throughout the year, he will present to the board the changes to the TIP, which is a

four-year program of projects in the OKI region that makes use of available federal aid highway and transit funds.

Mr. Reser reminded the members that they approved new funding awards for EV charging projects in Ohio utilizing OKI Carbon Reduction Funds. This amendment adds those awards to the TIP; eight in Butler County, two in Clermont County and eight in Hamilton County.

In addition to the EV charging, the Amendment consolidates two OKI awards for the Bach-Buxton Corridor Improvement into one project. It also adds a project, programmed with OKI-TA funds to begin new sidewalk installation in the City of Loveland.

Mr. Reser noted that there are two changes to projects related to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor work; PID 113361 is I-75 from the Linn Street overpass to the bridge over Findlay Street, the amendment adds a ROW phase, moves construction from FY28 to FY30 and adds the recent OKI award to the City of Cincinnati for bike/ped improvements along Ezzard Charles bridge crossing. PID 116649 is the primary BSB project in the TIP. The Amendment revises funding and adds ROW authority for building demolition and utility relocation. He noted that the BSB work is managed by ODOT, much of the work is in Kentucky and KYTC is using a mix of federal and state dollars to reimburse Ohio. The ROW phase of this PID went from \$28m to \$135m.

The next project is Phase 8C of the I-75 Mill Creek Expressway Project, where the construction phase increased from \$63m to \$77m. In Kentucky, at the request of Boone County, the Amendment deletes an OKI-funded EV charger installation project from the TIP. Additionally in Boone County, the County was awarded a federal discretionary grant (a RAISE grant) to begin design for reconstructing Limaburg Road and adding the Hangar Row access road from Limaburg to CVG. The second Boone County federal grant was a Safe Streets 4 All grant for the safety improvements along Camp Ernst Road, Hicks Pike, Longbranch Road, Rogers Lane and Litton Lane.

Mr. Reser noted on the transit side, Amendment #12 includes the addition of seven projects:

1. A Cincinnati Streetcar project for headway management and real-time arrival integration
2. SORTA projects for new vehicles
3. Paratransit equipment and operations
4. TANK bus replacements

He next said three of the highway projects are considered non-exempt for air quality conformity, which means we are required to address their regional air quality impacts, which have been done to the satisfaction of the Interagency Consultation group. He last noted that Amendment #12 was posted at oki.org for public comment since 12/19 and no public comments were received.

President Moore requested a motion for OKI 2025-03. Treasurer and Resident Member Ken Reed provided a motion with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer; motion passed.

Item #7 – Election of 2025 OKI Board of Directors

Mr. Karl Schultz, Nominating Committee Chair stated that the nominations/elections for the 2025 Board of Directors will take effect at the end of the meeting. He also reminded members that the Board is made up of Directors appointed by other groups and entities and Directors elected by the Board.

Chair Schultz shared that Shannon Hartkemeyer, Roger Kerlin, Tom Voss and are members of the nominating committee. He stated that the committee met on December 12, 2024, to review candidates and positions, review applicable sections of the Articles of Agreement and By-laws, review nomination applications, attendance, and past activity.

Chair Schultz stated that the Nominating Committee comes to the Board with a unanimous recommendation. He also stated that the nominating committee report was printed and distributed to all board members in attendance.

Mr. Schultz proceeded thanking the 2024 Officers for their service.

Next, he presented the Appointments from Local Jurisdictions to the OKI Board of Directors. He said the Articles of Agreement called for certain units of local government to appoint their representatives to the OKI Board of Directors.

- Those individuals appointed by local governmental units with a population of over 5,000 are listed on pages 1 through 5 of the Nominating Committee Report.
- Page 6 includes Boards of Township Trustees, 40,000 or more in population
- Page 7 includes Boards of Township Trustees under 40,000 in population
- Page 8 includes Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana

Chair Schultz stated those aforementioned individuals are declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Chair Schultz stated that the Articles of Agreement call for Representatives of Certain Planning Agencies listed under County, Regional and Cities of more than 40,000. These representatives are selected by their respective planning commissions. Those individuals are found on pages 9 and 10 of the Nominating Committee Report and hereby declared to be members of the OKI Board of Directors.

Moving on to Ex-Officio Members, Chair Schultz stated the Articles of Agreement call for the appointment of Certain Voting Ex-Officio members to the OKI Board of Directors. Those members found on page 11 of the Nominating Committee Report are declared to be Voting Ex-Officio members.

Chair Schultz stated that the Articles call for additional members to be elected by the Board of Directors. He explained that the Articles provide for the election of up to 20 Residents to the Board of Directors. The nominations were listed on page 12 of the Nominating Committee

Report. In addition, the Articles provide for the election to the OKI Board of Directors of up to 10 Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to elected officials. Those nominations were listed on page 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. There were no nominations on the floor.

Mr. Tom Voss moved to place nomination in the names of the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee found on pages 12 and 13 of the Nominating Committee Report. Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chair Schultz stated that the Articles call for the election of Officers, including President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer and the election of other Officers, which the nominating committee suggested being the office of Past President. The proposed nominees are listed on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Mr. Tom Voss moved to place in nomination the following names found on page 14 of the Nominating Committee Report with a second from Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer, motion passes.

The 2025 Officers are:

President	Josh Gerth
First Vice President	Bonnie Batchler
Second Vice President	Mark Jeffreys
Past President	Gary W. Moore
Treasurer	Kenneth F. Reed

Chair Schultz stated that the Articles provide that the Executive Director, Mark Policinski shall be the Secretary of OKI. Chair Schultz stated that with this election, the slate of officers is now complete.

Moving on to the organization of the 2025 Executive Committee, Chair Schultz stated that the officers of OKI and the Secretary, members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by member counties, members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by townships and municipalities having population of over 40,000 and members of the OKI Board of Directors who are appointed by area or regional planning agencies are declared to be members of the OKI Executive Committee. They are listed on pages 15 and 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Chair Schultz stated that the Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Board of Directors are also declared to be Voting, Ex-Officio members of the OKI Executive Committee. They are listed on page 16 of the Nominating Committee Report.

Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer placed in nomination those individuals listed on pages 15 and 16 to be named to the Executive Committee; Mr. Tom Voss seconded; motion passed. Chair Schultz asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there were none.

Chair Schultz stated that the election of the new Board of Directors and Executive Committee was complete. He thanked staff, members of the Nominating Committee, and Taft for their help and work in this process.

President Moore thanked the nominating committee for their work and requested a motion to accept the election of the 2025 Board of Directors. Treasurer and Resident member Ken Reed provided a motion with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer; motion passed.

Item #8 - 2025 Budget Committee Appointments

President Elect Josh Gerth asked members to review the 2025 Budget Committee Appointments presented on the large screen. He read aloud the following:

1. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, OKI Treasurer, *Chair*
2. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township, President
3. Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President
4. Mark Jeffreys, City of Cincinnati, Second Vice President
5. Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, Past President
6. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
7. Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
8. TBD, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
9. Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
10. Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
11. David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners

President Gerth requested a motion to accept the 2025 Budget Committee, which was provided by Commissioner David Painter with a second from Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks; motion passed unanimously.

Item #9 – Other Business

President Moore reminded everyone there is a board member orientation before the February meeting at 9:30 a.m. in this same boardroom.

Item #10 - Adjournment

President Moore requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided by Mr. Ken Reed with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers; motion passed (meeting ended at 11:28 a.m.).

2025 Attendance

Y=Attended E=Excused R=Represented (Board meetings are Jan., April, June and Oct.; blue dates are Executive Committee mtgs)

Executive Committee members (in blue) are permitted an Alternate; board-only members do not have alternates per Articles of Agreement.

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County Planning Commissions	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y								
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y								
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily										
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y								
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y								
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y								
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Cameron Goschinski	Y								
Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y								
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y								
City of Hamilton Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson										
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y								

Voting Ex-Officio Members (3)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers									
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y								
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y								
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz									
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y								
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y								
Resident Members (20)												
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y								
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Y								
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y								
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y								
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E								
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E								
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y								
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y								

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Guests

Jennifer Haley, Clermont BCC

Nick O., City of Mason

Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

William Gerth

Maisy Green, BOCC

Lilah Foley, BOCC

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Scott Gunning, Kenton Co.

Annalise Cahill, DSD

Declan Tom, City of Cincinnati

Atticus Hoover, City of Cincinnati

Andrew Aiello

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Lorrie Platt

Jenny Newcomb

Travis Miller

Elizabeth Niese

Gabriela Waesch

Timothy Strautberg

Suzanne Parkey

Taylor O'Rourke

Michael Outrich

Ting Zuo

Noah Wormald

David Shuey

Summer Jones

Brett Porter

Liren Zhou

Jersson Pachar

Regina Fields
Andy Meyer
Jim Pickering
Katie Hannum