

May 8, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

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

Item #1A Administrative

First Vice President Bonnie Batchler called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. She reminded everyone to sign in, silence cell phones and to state your name/member name clearly when making a motion, second or comment. Trustee Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Vice President Batchler requested a moment of silence to honor fallen Veteran and retired Hamilton County Sheriff's Officer, Deputy Larry Henderson.

Item #1B Approval of April 10, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes

First Vice President Batchler requested approval of the April 10 Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Resident member, Mr. Karl Schultz provided a motion with a second from Council member Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton; motion passed.

Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski shared at the June board of directors meeting, members will be voting on the agency's FY2026 budget and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) will present findings of its certification of OKI.

Mr. Policinski provided an update of the Transportation bill. He noted current legislation ends in December 2026 and the reauthorization process is working its way through Congress. He said that NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) has been diligently making the case for MPO's (Metropolitan Planning Organizations) for when they get in front of respective committee members. He noted that OKI's legislative and communications manager, Julia Brossart will provide future transportation bill updates to the board.

Mr. Policinski closed by remarking on the incredible career of OKI board member Mr. Darryl Haley who is retiring from Metro at the end of May. He noted that Mr. Haley initiated and brought to fruition large-scale changes during his five years as CEO. Mr. Policinski noted that Mr. Haley is one of the most accomplished CEO's, whose great vision transformed Metro's operation to benefit its riders for years to come.

Item #1D Finance Officer's Report

Director Hannum stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed in advance with a printed copy at members' seats. She reported on the Council's financing activities, as of May 8, 2025, OKI had:

\$586,061 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$6,579 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,020,538 - STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Director Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit, and that there is no outstanding balance at report date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information.

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion to approve the financial report. Resident member & Treasurer, Mr. Ken Reed provided a motion with a second from Trustee Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association; motion passed.

Item #2 America's River Roots Festival

Ms. Susan Fisher, executive director shared general details about the festival which will be on both sides of the Ohio River in early October. She said there will be live music, riverboat cruises, food, and cultural events in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Item #3 Selection of Projects to be Funded with Section 5310 Federal Funds Allocated to the Cincinnati Urban Area

OKI staff, Summer Jones shared the funding from the 5310-grant help serves the mobility needs of the elderly and disabled. She noted the members of the oversight committee were exemplary in how they worked together to try and figure out how to fund the most programs since the need is so great.

Members of the oversight committee are:

- BAWAC, Inc.
- Butler County Regional Transit Authority
- Clermont Senior Services
- Home52 Transportation
- Meals on Wheels Southwest Ohio
- SORTA
- TANK
- Warren County Transit Services

The oversight team scored and awarded 11 applications totaling a little over \$2 million.

The following agencies received funding for 7 light transit vehicles, 4 accessible vans, 3 modified minivans, software, third party transportation contracts and travel training.

- BAWAC, Inc.
- Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Clermont Senior Services
- Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
- Easter Seals Redwood
- Oxford Seniors
- Point Arc of Northern Kentucky
- University of Cincinnati Impact Innovations
- Volunteers of America
- Warren County Community Services
- Wesley Community Services

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-17. A motion was provided by Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County with a second from Vice Mayor Julie Smith-Morrow, City of Newport.

Item #4 Resolution Authorizing Retaining 4BIS.com as Managed Service Provider for Information Technology Infrastructure

OKI staff, David Shuey shared that OKI utilizes a managed service provider to maintain and secure the computer network. The current provider, 4BIS.com's expertise and cost-effectiveness lead the agency to recommend them for FY2026. The resolution allows the CEO to execute a contract with 4BIS.com that does not exceed \$116,000.

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-18. Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks provided a motion with a second from Council member Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton; motion passed.

Item #5 Non-Motorized Count Program

OKI staff, Dr. Elizabeth Niese shared that OKI is a recipient of an ODOT award (\$124,000) to implement a bicycle/pedestrian counter program at 12 sites (sites TBD in Ohio). The resolution authorizes OKI's CEO to accept funding to purchase the count equipment and enter into an agreement with a consultant to install the equipment. The data collected will aid in planning efforts, safety analysis and bike/ped infrastructure investments. The data will be shared with ODOT and partners.

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-19. Mayor Elizabeth Slamka, City of Middletown provided a motion with a second from Trustee Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association; motion passed.

Item #6 Resolution Authorizing the Marketing Campaign for the Regional Clean Air Program

OKI staff, Jenny Newcomb stated that OKI is the eligible grant recipient for federal assistance in promoting the region's clean air program. The resolution authorizes the marketing/advertising expenditures for the FY2026 Clean Air Program. She shared the Clean Air Program is currently promoted with radio ads and during Cincinnati Reds games.

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion for OKI 2025-20 which was provided by Trustee Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks with a second from Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County; motion carried.

Item #7 Resolution Authorizing the Marketing Campaign for the Regional RideShare Program

OKI staff, Jenny Newcomb shared that OKI's RideShare program serves as the local rideshare agency for OKI's eight-county region. The goal of the program is to reduce single occupant vehicles on the roadways. The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the marketing expenditures for the FY2026 RideShare campaign.

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion for OKI 2025-21. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County provided a motion with a second from Mr. Darryl Haley, Metro; motion carried.

Item #8 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on April 8, 2025. He shared the ICC committee heard a presentation of the Riverfront Commons project in northern Kentucky from OKI board member Will Weber, Southbank Partners. Mr. Weber shared that approximately 5 miles of the riverwalk is complete and future plans include 20 miles of trail from Ludlow to Silver Grove. OKI awarded approximately \$8.5 million for several phases of the project.

Mr. Reser also noted that the ICC committee approved a TIP Administrative Modification and recommended resolutions on 5310 federal funds program, OKI's Non-Motorized Count program, Regional Clean Air program and RideShare program. He lastly reminded all that applications for OKI's transportation capital funds are due June 6th.

Item #9 Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #10 Adjournment

First Vice President Batchler requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer provided a motion with a second from Mr. Darryl Haley, Metro; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:24 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 (9) | First Name | Last Name | Exec. Comm. Alternate | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | 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 | Y | E | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Butler County Planning Commission | David C. | Fehr | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission | Sharon | Haynes | | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | | |
| Clermont County Planning Commission | Darrin | Hinners | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dearborn County Planning Commission | Nicole | Daily | | E | E | E | E | E | | | | | |
| Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission | David | Okum | Steve Goodin | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Kenton County Planning Commission | Gailen | Bridges | | Y | | Y | | | | | | | |
| PDS of Kenton County | Sharmili | Reddy | Andy Videkovich | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Warren County Regional Planning Commission | Ryan | Cook | Christian Pajo | Y | E | Y | Y | R | | | | | |
| Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4) | First Name | Last Name | Exec. Comm. Alternate | | | | | | | | | | |
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| City of Cincinnati Planning Commission | Emily | Ahouse | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| City of Fairfield Planning Commission | Greg | Kathman | | Y | | | Y | E | | | | | |
| City of Hamilton Planning Commission | Laura | Nelson | | E | E | | Y | | | | | | |
| City of Middletown Planning Commission | Claire | Fetters | | Y | E | | 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. |
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| Indiana Department of Transportation | Chris | Wahlman | Terry Summers | | Y | R | | Y | | | | |
| Kentucky Transportation Cabinet | Robert | Yeager | Mike Bezold | Y | Y | E | Y | Y | | | | |
| Ohio Department of Transportation | Doug | Gruver | Scott Brown | Y | Y | R | | R | | | | |
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| Butler County RTA | Christopher | Lawson | Matthew Dutkevicz | | Y | | Y | | | | | |
| SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority) | Darryl | Haley | Khaled Shammout | Y | Y | R | Y | Y | | | | |
| TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY) | Gina | Douthat | TBA | Y | Y | Y | E | Y | | | | |
| Resident Members (20) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resident member | Craig | Beckley | | Y | E | E | E | E | | | | |
| Resident member, The Port | Laura N. | Brunner | | Y | | | Y | E | | | | |
| Resident member | Jeff | Earlywine | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Resident member, Boone County Engineer | Rob | Franxman | | Y | Y | E | E | Y | | | | |
| Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners | Shannon | Jones | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resident member | Liz | Keating | | E | | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Resident member | Roger | Kerlin | Chris Reinersman | E | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce | Eric | Kranz | | Y | | | | | | | | |
| Resident member | Henry (Hank) E. | Menninger, Jr. | | Y | Y | Y | E | Y | | | | |

Guests

Emily Laudermilk, Commissioner
Batchler's office
Caelen O'Connor, KY Speaker's Office

Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Nick Okuley, City of Mason
Lilah Foley, Hamilton County

Stansilav Beresford, City of Trenton

John Willis, Newport

Annalese M. Cahill, DSD Advisors

James Lukas, City of Sharonville

OKI Staff

L. Platt

Julia Brossart

Jenny Newcomb
Elizabeth Niese
Samantha
Sheppard
Katie Hannum

Toni Gleason
Timothy
Stautberg Jr.

Benedict Leonardi

Hui Xie
Taylor O'Rourke
Summer Jones
Gaby Waesch
Travis Miller
David Shuey
Robyn Bancroft
Jersson Pachar
Liren Zhou

Michael Outrich