

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
November 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Item #1A - Administrative

President Moore called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. He reminded members that today's meeting is an executive committee meeting, and only members (of the executive committee) or their alternates may make a motion, second or vote. Additionally, he asked members to state their name clearly when making a motion or second and to sign in for attendance records. He noted that if there are any members who need parking reimbursement to see staff from the finance department. He asked Ms. Gina Douthat, TANK to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Moore reminded members that the 2025 Board of Director's nomination e-forms are due December 1 to Lorrie Platt and that the nomination committee will be meeting on December 12 to review nomination forms at the OKI offices.

President Moore requested a motion to cancel the December executive committee meeting, which was provided by Mr. Karl Schultz, Resident Member with a second from Mr. Ken Reed, Resident Member/Treasurer; motion passed.

Item #1B - Approval of the October 10, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Moore requested approval of the October 10th Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Commissioner Steve Hayden, City of Covington provided a motion with a second from Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, City of Cincinnati; motion passed unanimously.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski thanked members for their patience regarding parking availability for the meeting. He said parking is a mess due to the fire on the Daniel Carter Beard/471 bridge with temperature of the fire reaching thousands of degrees. He added this is a regional fire because it affects the connectivity of the entire regional highway network.

Mr. Policinski invited ODOT, District 8 Director, Tammy Cambell to provide updates. She said that shoring towers will be going up today so they can start inspections tomorrow. Due to safety concerns, ODOT personnel have not been under the bridge to look at the damage, though drones and their robot dog have provided initial views. She said they are talking to steel fabricators and will pull samples of some of the beams for testing to understand extent of the damage. She hoped more details will be available towards the end of the week, additionally they are awaiting a report from the Fire Department.

Mr. Policinski then invited OKI's traffic engineering technician, Mr. Jersson Pachar, to provide information about the fire's impact on traffic. Mr. Pachar shared a PowerPoint that provide additional data on traffic volumes related to the fire <https://www.oki.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Effects-From-Daniel-Beard-Bridge-Fire.pdf>

Mr. Policinski shared that the OKI Housing Dashboard had a public unveiling two weeks ago, seventy people attended, representing many jurisdictions and a good cross-section of housing organizations and interests. A national housing expert from the National League of Cities was the key speaker. He noted the dashboard's amazing collection of data could be used by every jurisdiction in the region, members can easily access critical housing data for their communities and those of their neighbors. He urged members to check out the dashboard because it will help them make decisions on critical housing problems.

Mr. Policinski provided a Devou Foundation update regarding their attempt to restrict the City of Cincinnati's participation in OKI. He stated that in their submittal to the Ohio Secretary of State, it showed that the Devou Foundation was funded solely by Matt Butler for \$200,000. From January to June 2024, Devou Foundation spent \$141,000. He added they continued to gather signatures until well past June, so they could have spent more.

He reminded members that Matt Butler said a similar amendment passed in Houston, and it changed the voting structure of the Houston MPO. Mr. Policinski said that is not accurate, though a vote in Houston did require the city of Houston to demand more representation on the Houston MPO, in the intervening year Houston remains in the MPO and, as OKI has maintained, the city of Houston's passage of its amendment could not supersede federal and state law; and therefore, the amendment could not change the voting structure of the Houston MPO.

Mr. Policinski said that Devou Foundation is ramping interest in taking the issue to the ballot once again in November, 2025. They are holding meetings to chart a course forward and OKI may see this issue arise again.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed to all in advance with a printed copy at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of November 8, 2024, OKI had:

- \$357,476 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account
- \$22,421 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account
- \$998,367 in the 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.

President Moore requested a motion to approve the financial report. Resident member, Mr. Tony Simms Howard provided a motion with a second from Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County; motion passed.

Item #2 - Federal Certification Review

Mr. Sam Wallace, Community Transportation Planner with FHWA Ohio Division shared preliminary findings from the agency’s Transportation Management Area Federal Certification Review site visit on October 29. He noted this review occurs every four years and OKI has a strong history of exemplary reviews. He invited members and the public to the public comment meeting held at 11:30 a.m. (after the executive committee). Additionally, he introduced members of the team present, Mr. Patrick Carpenter, FHWA/Indiana, and virtually, Ms. Joselyn Hoffman, FTA Region 5.

Mr. Wallace stated that the federal review team’s preliminary consensus is OKI’s transportation planning process complies and fully meets Title 23 and other federal laws. He then shared next steps, which includes a draft certification report, OKI will have an opportunity to review it for factual accuracy. The final report is due Feb. 3, 2025. A letter of certification will then be issued to OKI, state DOTs and public transportation operators. Mr. Wallace will return and share final findings at the February executive committee meeting on 2/13/25.

Item #3 - Mill Creek Alliance Presentation

Mr. Dave Schmitt, executive director for the Mill Creek Alliance provided an overview of the work that the Alliance and volunteers have done to improve the environmental health of the creek. He noted a past OKI employee, Bruce Koehler, an environmental planner, was instrumental in bringing together all the watershed communities to address the problems in the creek. Mr. Schmitt shared an extensive PowerPoint highlighting the before and after improvements of the creek.

Item #4 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Consultant for Surveying Residents of Environmental Justice Areas and Population

Ms. Julia Brossart, OKI staff noted that OKI received authorization from the state of Ohio to use FY25 planning funds to conduct a first of its kind survey of residents in the EJ populations in Ohio on their transportation needs and preferences. The survey results will help OKI understand needs and be initiative-taking on solutions. She noted that the maximum contract amount for consultant is \$185k with work beginning in March 2025 and completed by June 20, 2025.

President Moore requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33. A motion was provided by Councilmember Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton with a second from Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County; motion passed.

Item #5 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update on the ICC meeting held on November 12, 2024. He noted that OKI staff, Mr. Travis Miller presented the OKI Housing Dashboard and Ms. Robyn Bancroft provided an updated on the FRA CRISI grant. Mr. Reser shared the committee approved

a TIP/administrative modification and two resolutions were recommended for member approval: 1.) Environmental Justice survey and 2.) TIP Amendment #11.

Item #6 - Amendment #11 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff stated that Amendment #11 includes two highway projects and three transit projects, all in Ohio. The amendment adds a right of way phase and modifies funding for the Columbia Connector Trail project and adds an ODOT project to replace and widen a bridge carrying US 22 in Warren County. Three transit projects are added – a Butler County RTA parking lot expansion and two bus replacements for Middletown transit. He noted there was a change to the BCRTA parking lot expansion project since the agenda mail out. He said it was recently awarded \$250,000 in federal funds and that change has been made to the project tables attached to the resolution. All projects in this amendment are exempt from air quality conformity and the amendment was posted at oki.org for public comments since October 30th and no comments were received.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-34. A motion was provided by Commissioner Steve Hayden, City of Covington with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member; motion passed.

Item #7 - Other Business

OKI staff, Ms. Suzanne Parkey, who is also a board member of Taking Root shared an upcoming event, a Tree Professionals Seminar scheduled for December 5th at Mad Tree in Oakley. She noted accreditation is available for those applicable. Registration deadline is Nov. 21st with flyers in the back of the room with a QR code for registration.

Item #8 - Adjournment

President Moore requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ken Reed, Resident member/Treasurer provided a motion and a second was received from Commissioner Steve Hayden, City of Covington; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by Lorrie Platt

Jurisdiction/Organization	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate										
				Jan. 11 - Board	Feb. 8 - E.C.	Mar. 14 - E.C.	Apr. 11 - Board	May 9 - E.C.	June 13 - Board	Sept. 12 - Board	Oct. 10 - E.C.	Nov. 14 - Board	E.C.
Ft. Thomas, KY	Ben	Pendery		Y			E		E		Y		
Ft. Wright, KY	Dave	Hatter		E					Y				
Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Adam Goetzman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	
Greendale, IN	Vince	Karsteter		Y									
Hamilton Co. Board of Commisioners	Alicia	Reece	Denise Driehaus	Y	R	Y	R	R					
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y			
Hamilton County Township Association	Thomas	Weidman											
Hamilton, OH	Susan	Vaughn	Tim Naab	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Harrison, OH	Doug	Abrams		E	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	E	
Highland Heights, KY	TBA												
Indepence, KY	Christopher	Reinersman		E	E			E			E	Y	
Indian Hill, OH	Pat	Stern		Y	Y								
Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers	R					E/R	Y		Y	
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris	Knochelmann	Spencer Stork	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	R	E	E/R	
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y			Y		Y		Y		
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	R	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	
Lawrenceburg, IN	Mark	Fette	Guinevere Banschbach		Y								
Lebanon, OH	Brad	Lamoreaux	effective June '24						Y		Y		
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Tom Farrell							Y			
Loveland, OH	Ted	Phelps					Y						
Madeira, OH	J. Douglas	Moorman		Y			Y				Y		
Mason, OH	Joy	Bennett		Y			Y						
Miami Township	Mary	Makley Wolff	Steve Kelly	Y	E	Y	E		Y	R		Y	
Middletown, OH	Elizabeth	Slamka	Paul Horn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E/R	Y	Y	Y	

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Warren County Engineer	Neil	Tunison		E										
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Cameron Goschinski	Y	Y	R			Y					
West Chester Township Wyoming, OH	Ann	Becker	Arun Hindupur	E	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y			
	Dan	Driehaus	Jodi Woffington	E	Y			Y	E/R					
Resident Members (20)														
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y			Y		Y					
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	Y	E		
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y		E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman			Y				Y	Y			Y	
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones												
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E	Y	Y			Y		Y			
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		E										
Resident member	Larry	Maxey		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz			Y			Y				E		
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins		Y	Y						Y			
Resident member	Kenneth	Reed		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y	Y		
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Y	E	E	Y		Y	Y	E	Y		
Resident member	Karl B.	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y	Y	Y	R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resident member, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	V. Anthony	Simms-Howell	Michael Florez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resident member, Kenton Co. Public Works	Spencer	Stork			Y	Y	E	Y	Y		E	Y		

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Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E		
Resident member, CVG Airport	Melissa	Wideman		E	E		Y		Y		Y				
Resident member	Renee	Wilson		E	Y		Y								
Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials (10)															
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Bonnie J.	Batchler		Y	E	Y	Y			Y	Y	E			
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		E	Y	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y			
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Claire	Corcoran													
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehaus			Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y	E			
Clermont Co. Engineer	Jeremy	Evans													
Warren Co. Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman													
Dearborn Co. Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman			Y	E	Y		y	Y	E				
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Stephanie	Summerow Dumas				E	Y				Y				
Warren Co. Engineer	Neil	Tunison													
Butler Co. Engineer	Gregory	Wilkens													

Guests

Sam Wallace, FHWA-OH

Dave Schmitt, MCA

Sasha Thornton, UC

Jill Cole, Blue Ash

Claire Fetters, Middletown

Veronica Hazelwood, Mason

Patrick Carpenter, FHWA

Jeff Wallace, Woopert
Lauren O'Brien, CTC Consultants
Annalese Cahill, DSD
Declan Tom, Cincinnati
Maisy Green, BOCC
Kevin Tighe, BOCC

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