

June 12, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Board of Director's 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

President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He reminded members to state their name clearly when making a motion, second or comment. Trustee Tony Rosiello, Green Township led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gerth reminded members of the memo for FY2026 Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC) membership appointments that was included in meeting materials. He asked for a motion to concur with those appointments (stated on the memo). Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County provided a motion with a second from Council member Mark Jeffreys, City of Cincinnati; motion passed.

President Gerth asked for a motion to cancel the July 10, 2025, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County provided a motion with a second from Trustee Tony Rosiello, Green Township.

Item #1B Approval of May 8, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the May 8 Executive Committee meeting minutes as distributed. Commissioner Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County provided a motion with a second from Mayor Charlie Cleves, Bellevue; motion passed.

Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski commented that this is the last board meeting of OKI's 2025 fiscal year. He highlighted some of the staff's achievements including a Housing Dashboard that is accessible to all members and jurisdictions; HUD has already designated it as a best practice for all MPO's (Metropolitan Planning Organizations) in the country. Additional highlights include:

- Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) – OKI secured a grant providing 6 general aviation airports in our region the first steps in determining what infrastructure will be needed to adapt to this new technology
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) – OKI led a 16-county plan to reduce Green House Gases
- Environmental Mitigation Sustainability Model – Continues to garner national and international interest
- CRISI grant – at the time of its award, the only CRISI grant awarded to an MPO in OH/KY/IN – has eliminated 400,000 short haul trips this past year

- OKI's Digital Guide – This tool helped designated The Ohio River Way, a 308-mile water trail in OH/KY/IN to be designated a National Water Trails

Mr. Policinski continued to praise OKI staff for the work on the 2050 Long Range Plan, the Prioritization Process, OKI's finance department for receiving another 4-star rating by the State of Ohio's Auditors Office for the financial acumen and growth of the 5310-transportation program serving the disabled and elderly residents in our communities.

He closed his remarks by thanking the OKI board members for supporting the staff and for the remarkable cooperation shown amongst members in approving transportation projects that invest in the region.

Mr. Policinski invited Julia Brossart, manager of communications and legislative affairs to provide updates on the following.

Legislative: Ms. Brossart shared that she participated in a fly-in to DC in May with other MPO's and NARC to meet with staff from our federal delegation to communicate that MPOs are the best sources of knowledge in deciding how transportation dollars are used.

She shared that the current Surface Transportation Authorization expires on Sept. 30, 2026. She said that officials were most interested in how to get projects started faster and ways to streamline the process (emphasized NEPA process). She shared that she expects the reauthorization to be done on time (not earlier due to elections).

Survey of Select Populations: Ms. Brossart shared that the in-person survey project is underway for elderly, low-income, persons with disabilities and zero card households in the Ohio counties in the OKI region. She hopes to get as much feedback as possible and offered to any jurisdiction or agency that if they wanted to aid in getting the survey out to constituents, to please let her know.

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 June 6, 2025, OKI had:

\$753,973 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$5,120 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,024,402 - STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Finance 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 Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County provided a motion with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers, Butler County; motion passed.

Item #3 Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Council Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets

Director Hannum presented the FY2026 Operating and Capital budget. For each revenue and cost category, she explained significant variances between the FY25 forecast as compared to the FY25 budget. She also highlighted differences in the overall forecast as compared to the new FY26 budget. She said overall, the FY25 forecasted expenditures are 2.6% over the original budget. She noted expenditures in the FY26 are 12.5% greater than FY25 budget and 9.5% more than FY25 forecast.

Director Hannum reviewed each Cost category, which includes salaries, fringe benefits, travel and professional development, printing/marketing/contractual and other expenditures. She also went through the Revenue categories and stated the FY26 budgeted revenues are estimated to be 9.5% over the forecast.

She concluded by stating this is the 27th budget year where the per capita is at \$.33 per county contributions.

Item #4 Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Human Resources Services for the Council

Finance Director Hannum stated that OKI has contracted with HR Elements to provide professional human resources in the areas of benefits, recruiting, onboarding, training, policy review and other HR tasks that may arise. She noted the success and cost effectiveness with HR Elements for the past few years is compelling to engage in another contract with them. OKI Resolution 2025-23 authorizes the executive director to execute a contract for FY2026 with HR Elements at a cost not to exceed \$121,500.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-23. Mr. Craig Beckley, Resident member provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County; motion passed.

Item #5 Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on June 10, 2025. He shared the ICC committee recommended the ICC FY26 Membership list as presented. He noted that OKI's Julia Brossart provided a Federal Transportation Reauthorization update along with a Survey of Select Populations update. Additionally, the ICC committee approved Modifications to the TIP and recommended approval of TIP Amendments 1A and 1B.

Mr. Reser also noted that June 6 was the deadline to submit project applications for OKI's Prioritization Process for federal transportation funding. He shared that 61 applications were received (a record number, with \$97M in request with \$79M available). He reminded members that \$14M in new funds is set aside for repaving projects. Next steps include OKI staff evaluating

the projects and preparing draft scores. Additionally, OKI's Community Advisory Committee will meet on August 5 to agree on Community Impact Scores. The recommendations for awards will be presented to the OKI Board of Director's meeting on October 9, 2025.

Item #6 Amendment #1A to the OKI Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser said there are two projects involved in Amendment 1A that are subject to air quality conformity regulations. The first project is the Smart Lane project on I-275, installing dynamic message signs and variable speed limits signs from eastbound I-275 from US 42 to SR28 and westbound I-275 from SR28 to Loveland/Madeira. The second project is adding PID 80217, which is KY536 from KY 16 to KY 17. The scope was already included in the TIP, and it is simply adding a new PID number with new funding designations. He stated there was no change in timing or scope.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2026-29. Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident member provided the motion with a second from Trustee Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association.

Item #7 Amendment #1B to the OKI Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser stated Amendment 1B included 12 highway projects and 4 transit projects.

The first being the Western Hills Viaduct. The City and County received \$127M INFRA grant in 2022, which needs to be obligated by Sept. 30, 2025. This amendment moves most of the INFRA funds from construction to design, allowing them to meet the September obligation. The other projects involved in this amendment are as follows:

- Springdale EV Charging (PID 122808) & Cincinnati OTR EV Charging (PID 122817) – move some OKI-CRP funds to design and add 10% additional OKI funds for Springdale project
- Add Dry Fork to EB I-74 turn lane project
- Projects carried forward from previous TIP: Wooster/Beechmont Circle intersection (113601), Wasson Way to Armleder connector (113603), Forest Park Signals (116465)
- Kenton County – Crestview Hills Dixie Sidewalk, additional OKI-TAP funds and add RW phase
- Dearborn County – Dillsboro, new project on North Street with INDOT-TAP funds
- Transit – Add FY26 CTC projects, Add OKI 5310, Revise funding for SORTA FY28/29 Bus Replacements

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-25. A motion was provided by Mr. Christopher Lawson, Butler County Regional Transit Authority and a second from Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County.

Item #8 Other Business

Mr. Mark Policinski said that in advance of today's meeting, members received an agenda that had a guest speaker from the Federal Highway Administration to go over the agency's recertification. At last minute, OKI received notice that he was sick and not able to make it in.

Mr. Policinski said he expects to reschedule him for the September executive committee meeting and encouraged all members to attend. The last certification resulted in OKI receiving the most commendations of any MPO in the country (11 commendations).

Item #9 Adjournment

President Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Susan Vaugh, City of Hamilton provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:30 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									
				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	Y			
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E	E	E	E	Y			
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y			
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y		Y			Y			
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Christian Pajo	Y	E	Y	Y	R	R			
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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y			Y	E	Y			
City of Hamiltion Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson		E	E		Y					
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y	E		Y		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		Y	R		Y	Y			
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	R			
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y	R		R	Y			
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y		Y		Y			
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	Y	R	Y	Y	E			
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y			
Resident Members (20)												
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y	E	E	E	E	Y			
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Y			Y	E	E			
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y	E	E	E	Y	E			
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E		Y	Y		Y			
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y					Y			
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y			

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Guests

Emily Lauder milk, Clermont County
Tracie Braun, Clermont BCC
Jennifer Shuey, DLZ
Steve Hartke, City of Mason
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas
Stansilav Beresford, Trenton
Annalese M. Cahill, DSD Advisors
Declan Tom, City of Cincinnati
Steve Anderson, Metro
Reece H ?
Sandy Amanor
Megan Pittman
Tabitha Martin

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Jacob Matson
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Noah Wormald
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Julia Brossart
Andy Meyer
Jenny Newcomb
Katie Hannum
Michael Outrich
Hui Xie
Jackson Shiffert
Rachel Stuckey
Brett Porter
Elizabeth Niese
Benedict Leonardi
Jersson Pachar
Samantha Sheppard
Liren Zhou
Toni Gleason
Summer Jones
Jessica Ondrovich
Robert Koehler
Astrid Coste
Noel Baker