September 11, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

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

### Item #1A Administrative

President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. He noted today is 9/11, a somber day and asked for a moment of silence. Resident Member and Veteran, Tom Voss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gerth announced that there are two new members to OKI board of directors. The first being Metro's seat is now filled by Andrew Aiello, CEO and General Manager due to Darryl Haley's retirement. Additionally, The Planning and Development Services of Kenton County also has new representation due to Sharmili Reddy becoming the city manager for the City of Covington. The new executive director of PDS of Kenton County is Joshua Wice who will represent PDS; he was present for the meeting.

President Gerth reminded everyone that the Much in Common happy hour was happening after work today at TQL Stadium. He encouraged members to attend the free bipartisan event and hear from Jeff Berding, the Co-CEO of the FC Cincinnati soccer club. The Much in Common program will move around to different locations within the OKI region, to help promote what OKI does and to celebrate the efforts of those serving in the communities.

# Item #1B Approval of June 12, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the June 10 Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks provided a motion with a second from council member Floyd Croucher, City of Trenton; motion passed.

### Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski shared that Sam Wallace will present the FHWA findings of the recertification review and he noted it is important because without a positive review, OKI cannot provide funding to jurisdictions via federal grants.

He shared that he recently had a meeting with Larry Krauter, the new CEO of CVG and stressed that Larry values the partnership with OKI and understands the unique value OKI has to CVG and how important CVG is to the region.

Mr. Policinski next stated that staff have been working on the prioritization process (for funding projects) and that \$80 million will be granted to jurisdictions in the OKI region. He noted that for the past 22 years, the board of directors have unanimously approved on how to spend the funds. Additionally, he noted that for a variety of reasons, there were several projects that were going

to be delayed, and this would have caused a build up of unspent funds. Instead of having those projects sit, the OKI staff have devised a new round of funding specifically for resurfacing projects, almost \$14 million will be available.

# Item #1D Finance Officer's Report

Director Hannum stated that June 30<sup>th</sup> ends OKI's fiscal year. She noted that the report contains May and June financial statements, but she will be reporting only on the June financial statements along with current cash information. As of September 5, 2025, OKI had:

\$772,738 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account \$7,886 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account \$1,034,994 - 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 Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County provided a motion with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers, Butler County; motion passed.

### **Item #2 Federal Certification Review**

Mr. Sam Wallace, Community Transportation Planner with FHWA Ohio Division provided highlights of the agency's Transportation Management Area Federal Certification Review that was held in late 2024. He stated that for the planning process, OKI complies with the spirit and intent of the federal metropolitan planning laws and regulations and officially certified for the next four years. He additionally stated that OKI is a mature, well-established, and successful MPO with no recent history of corrective action and with positive findings. There were six noteworthy practices that received commendations, they are as follows: Housing Data Dashboard, Congestion Management and ITS, the oki.org website redesign, GIS upgrades, The Freight Plan and Regional Transit Collaboration.

The summary report is found here <a href="https://www.oki.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/OKI-2025-Certification-Report Final.pdf">https://www.oki.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/OKI-2025-Certification-Report Final.pdf</a>

Press release is found here <a href="https://www.oki.org/oki-receives-six-federal-commendations-for-excellence-and-innovation-in-transportation-planning/">https://www.oki.org/oki-receives-six-federal-commendations-for-excellence-and-innovation-in-transportation-planning/</a>

### Item #3 OKI FY2025 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report

OKI staff, Bob Koehler stated that one of the federal requirements is a year-end report, which is a compilation of monthly progress reports. He said that the agency met more than 100 products along with 47 products from OKI's transit partners. He proceeded to share some examples of the products, including a new transportation improvement program, housing dashboard, green space

environmental mapper, fiscal impact assessment model, 5310 program and the Boone County transportation plan.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-26. A motion was provided by Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers, Butler County; motion passed.

#### **Item #4 Amendment of Current Compensation Plan**

CEO Mark Policinski stated the OKI compensation plan is for non-contract employees, which is everyone except himself and has worked well for the past twenty years. He said the system balances fiscal responsibility, fairness to staff and competitive marketplace.

He noted that the compensation system is flexible and there comes a time to make adjustments, the last adjustment was twenty years ago. He proceeded to share that the compensation system is divided into bands into which every job is categorized. Entry level is band one and senior level is band five. Each band has a minimum and maximum salary level. Even though the maximum salary is adjusted for inflation, after twenty years, it is necessary to increase the maximum salary of each band. Without the adjustment, long-term employees are disadvantaged.

He shared that this adjustment will only affect one staff person, that adjustment will add 8 one-ten-thousandth of a percent of OKI's salary expenditures. The resolution would expand the bans by 5% and increase in the future up to 5% in a year if warranted. Any further expansion would require approval of the budget committee.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-27. Commissioner T.C. Rogers provided a motion with a second from Vice-Mayor Julie Smith-Morrow, City of Newport; motion passed.

#### Item #5 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on September 9, 2025. He said that the committee heard information on the Transportation Planning progress reports and the Transport Ohio stakeholder survey. Additionally, the committee recommended approval of resolutions for the FY25 Year End Performance and Expenditure Report and TIP Amendment #2. He also noted the committee approved a TIP Administrative Modification. He said after the meeting, the prioritization subcommittee met to discuss the draft scored of project applications for the new OKI federal transportation funding with recommendations for awards presented to the OKI board of directors at the October meeting.

Mr. Reser also noted that a TIP item was received late and did not make it on the agenda for TIP modification. It was a change submitted by KYTC for commitment of additional federal bridge

funds to fill a \$16 million gap in funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge replacement project over the Licking River. He said the TIP modification allows progress on the project without interruption.

## Item #6 - Amendment #2 to the OKI Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Andy Reser said that Amendment #2 contains 16 highway projects and 4 transit projects. They are as follows:

- Adds detailed design, environmental or right of way phases to 4 EV charging projects in West Chester (PID 122830), Union Twp (PID 122828), New Richmond (PID 122829), and Cincinnati OTR (PID 122817)
- Brent Spence Bridge, phase 2 (PID 113661) moves all construction funds beyond FY29
- Adds right of way & construction phases to I-275 Smart Lane project from US42 to Clermont County (PID 115417)
- Adds right of way phase to phase 1 of Ohio River Trail Oasis line (PID 122971)
- Warren County -adds safety project at US 42/Middletown Road intersection
- Adds NEVI (national EV charging infrastructure) project for 3 locations in Boone County
- Adds design, right of way, utilities phases to the Covington West 15 Street bridge project (6-1070)
- Adds federal RAISE grant for Covington Central Riverfront project
- Adds two INDOT slide correction projects along I-74 in Dearborn County

And for Transit - Adds projects for BCRTA, Cincinnati Streetcar and TANK

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-28. Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks provided a motion with a second from Resident Member Roger Kerlin; motion passed.

# **Item #9 Other Business**

There was no other business from the floor.

#### Item #10 Adjournment

President Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner T.C. Rogers, Butler County provided a motion with a second from Judge Executive Gary Moore, Boone County; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:14 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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<b>Butler County Board of</b>				Υ	_	Υ	Υ	_	Υ	V			
Commissioners	T.C.	Rogers	David Fehr	ľ	E	ľ	ľ	E	Y	Υ			
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Steve	Pendery	Matt Elberfeld	Е	Е	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ				
Clermont County Board of Commissioners	Bonnie J.	Batchler	David Painter	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Dearnborn County Board of Commissioners	Kevin	Turner	Nicole Daily	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	E	Е	Е			
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehause	Stephanie Sumerow Dumas	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	E	Υ	Е			
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris	Knochelmann	Spencer Stork	R	Υ	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Warren County Board of Commissioners	David G.	Young	Martin Russell	Е	E	E	E	E	Е	Е			
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Bellevue, KY	Charlie	Cleves		Υ	Е	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ			
Blue Ash, OH	Brian	Gath		Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	Υ			
Cheviot, OH	TBD												
Cincinnati, OH	Mark	Jeffreys	Greg Long	Υ	R	Υ	Υ	R	Υ	Υ			
Cold Spring, KY	TBA												
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Erlanger, KY	Jessica	Fette									
Fairfield, OH	Dale	Paullus	Mitch Rhodus						Υ		
Florence, KY	Gary	Winn		Υ			Υ		Υ		
Forest Park, OH	TBD					R					
Ft. Mitchell, KY	Dr. Alyson	Roeding			Υ		Υ			Υ	
Ft. Thomas, KY	Ben	Pendery		Υ			Υ				
Ft. Wright, KY	Dave	Hatter									
Hamilton, OH	Susan	Vaughn	Tim Naab	E	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
Harrison, OH	Doug	Abrams		Υ	Ε	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ε	Υ	
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Indian Hill, OH	Pat	Stern						Е	Ε		
Lawrenceburg, IN	Mark	Fette	Guinevere Banschbach						Υ		
Lebanon, OH	Brad	Lamoreaux		Е	Ε		Υ		Υ		
Loveland, OH	Ted	Phelps		Υ			Е				
Madeira, OH	J. Douglas	Moorman		Υ					Υ		
Mason, OH	Joy	Bennett									
Middletown, OH	Elizabeth	Slamka	Paul Horn	Υ	Υ	Е	Ε	Υ	Υ	Υ	
Milford, OH	Kim	Chamberland		Υ							
Monroe	Ben	Wagner									
Montgomery, OH	Chris	Dobrozsi		Υ	Ε	Е	Υ	Е	Υ	Ε	
Mt. Healthy, OH	Jennifer	Moody									
Newport, KY	Julie	Smith-Morrow	Thomas Guidugli, Jr	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
North College Hill, OH	Victor	Wilson			Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ		
Norwood, OH	Susan	Hoover		Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	Е	Е	Υ	
Oxford, OH	Michael	Smith		Υ	Ε		Υ		Υ		
Reading, OH	Robert	Boehner			Υ				Υ		
Sharonville, OH	Glen	Lovitt		Υ	Υ	R	Υ	R	Υ	R	
South Lebanon, OH	TBD										
Springdale, OH	Jeffrey	Anderson		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
Taylor Mill, KY	Dan	Bell					Υ				
Trenton, OH	Floyd	Croucher			Υ	Υ			Υ	Υ	
Union, KY	Larry	Solomon									

Villa Hills, KY	Seth	Thompson		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Wyoming, OH	Dan	Driehaus	Jodi Woffington		Υ				Υ				
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Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Adam Goetzman	Ε	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Tom Farrell										
Miami Township	Mary	Makley Wolff	Steve Kelly	Υ	Υ	Ε	Υ	Υ	Ε	Υ			
Union Township	Michael	Logue	Cory Wright	Ε	Е	Е	Е	Е					
West Chester Township	Ann	Becker		Υ	Υ		Υ		Υ	Υ			
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Clermont County Township Association	Tom	Peck	Teresa Hinners	Υ	Υ	Υ	E	Y	Υ	Υ			
Hamilton County Township Association	Thomas	Weidman											
Warren Co. Assoc. of Twnshp. Trustees & Clerks	Jonathan	Sams	Jeff Wright	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	E	Υ			, , ,
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Kenton County Fiscal Court	TBD												
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian	Painter	Tom Lampe		Υ								

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Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Υ	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr											
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ			
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners											
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		Е	Е	Е	Е	Е	Υ	Е			
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Υ		Υ			Υ				
PDS of Kenton County	Joshua Wice effective Sept. 2025	replaced Sharmili Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Christian Pajo	Υ	E	Υ	Υ	R	R	R			
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City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Υ			Υ	E	Υ	Е			
City of Hamiltion Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson		E	E		Y						
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Υ	E		Υ		Υ				

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Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers		Υ	R		Υ	Υ	Υ			
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Υ	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	R	Υ			
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Υ	Υ	R		R	Υ	Υ			
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Υ		Υ		Υ	Υ			
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Andrew Aiello effective Sept. 2025	replaced Darryl Haley	Khaled Shammout	У	Υ	R	Υ	Υ	E	R			
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	ТВА	Υ	Υ	Υ	E	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Resident Members (20)													
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Υ	Е	Е	Е	Ε	Υ				
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Υ			Υ	E	Ε				
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ				
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Υ	Е	Е	Е	Υ	Е	Y			
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones											
Resident member	Liz	Keating		Е		Υ	Υ		Υ				
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Resident member, Dearborn	<u> </u>								l				
County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Υ					Υ				
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Υ	Υ	Υ	Е	Υ	Υ	Υ			

Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Resident member Resident member	Pete												
Resident member		Metz		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ			
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins		Υ		Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ			
	Rick	Probst		Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	Υ	Υ			
Resident member	Kenneth	Reed		Υ	Е	Υ	Е	Υ	Е	Е			
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Е	Υ	Е	Е	Υ	Е	Υ			
Resident member	Karl B.	Schultz	Joe Braun	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	R	Υ			
Resident member	V. Anthony	Simms-Howell	Juliet Simms	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Resident member, Kenton Co. Public Works	Spencer	Stork		R	Е	Е	Е	Е	E	Υ			
Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Resident member, Southbank Partners	Will	Weber		Е	Υ		Υ						
Resident member, CVG Airport Authority	Melissa	Wideman		Υ			Υ		Υ	Υ			
Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials from Special Purpose Districts (10)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	/\	3r. 4	60.13	131. A	4.0.	May S	ine 12.	board of	, 8°	ord fr.
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	E	Υ			
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Claire	Corcoran											
Clermont Co. Engineer	Jeremy	Evans											
Warren Co. Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman											
Dearborn Co. Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman			Υ	Υ	Е	Е	Ε	Е			
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	David	Painter		Υ	Е		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
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Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Alicia	Reece											
	Alicia Stephanie	Summerow Dumas			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			
Commissioners Hamilton Co. Board of		Summerow			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			

# <u>Guests</u> <u>OKI Staff</u>

Scott McKeehan, City of Sharonville L. Platt

Sam Wallace, FHWA Regina Fields

Emily Loudermilk, Clermont County David Shuey

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert Jenny Newcomb

Zoe Brazell, City of Cincinnati Astrid Coste

Stansilav Beresford, Trenton Timothy Stautberg

Steve H., City of Mason Katie Hannum

Tracie Bruan, Clermont Co. Taylor O'Rourke

Dan Pozniak, DSD Advisors David Rutter
John Willis, Newport Elizabeth Niese

Travis Miller

Samantha Sheppard

Michael Outrich
Jacob Matson

Hui Xie

Julia Brossart

**Brett Porter** 

Toni Gleason

Rachel Stuckey

Liren Zhou

Robyn Bancroft

Summer Jones

Robert Koehler

**Andy Reser**