

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 guests 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 30th 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 https://www.oki.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/OKI-2025-Certification-Report_Final.pdf

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

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 bands 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 4th 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 15th 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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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	Y			
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr											
Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y			
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners											
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E	E	E	E	Y	E			
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y		Y			Y				
PDS of Kenton County	Joshua Wice effective Sept. 2025	replaced Sharmili Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Christian Pajo	Y	E	Y	Y	R	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	Y			
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y			Y	E	Y	E			
City of Hamilton 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	Y		
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	R	Y		
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y	R		R	Y	Y		
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y		Y		Y	Y		
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Andrew Aiello effective Sept. 2025	replaced Darryl Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	Y	R	Y	Y	E	R		
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	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	Y		
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	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	Y		

Guests

Scott McKeehan, City of Sharonville

Sam Wallace, FHWA

Emily Loudermilk, Clermont County

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Zoe Brazell, City of Cincinnati

Stanslav Beresford, Trenton

Steve H., City of Mason

Tracie Bruan, Clermont Co.

Dan Pozniak, DSD Advisors

John Willis, Newport

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

OKI Staff

L. Platt

Regina Fields

David Shuey

Jenny Newcomb

Astrid Coste

Timothy Stautberg

Katie Hannum

Taylor O'Rourke

David Rutter

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