

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Transportation Minutes
March 8, 2023
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Transportation was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 10:15 a.m. in the Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken with a quorum present.

The minutes of March 7, 2023 committee meeting were approved.

The Chair called up H.B. 23 (Edwards) for an informal hearing with public testimony. The following testimony was provided:

Sharon Montgomery, Citizen of Ohio - Interested Party (Written Testimony)

Jason Warner, Greater Ohio Policy Center - Interested Party (Written Testimony)

Dawn Distler, Akron METRO - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Casey Blazer, COTA - Proponent (Written Testimony)

India Birdsong and Michael Shipper, GCRTA - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Claudia Amrhein, Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Mary Habig, Seneca-Crawford Area Transportation - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Chris Runyan, Ohio Contractors Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Clyde Whitaker, Sheet Metal, Air, Rail Transportation - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Art Arnold, The Ohio Rail Association - Interested Party (Written Testimony)

John Esterly, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (Written Testimony)

Brain Barger, Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Terry Brill - Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written-only testimony)

Devon Stanley, Liberty Township Trumbull County - Opponent (Written-only testimony)

Captain Ray Buhala, Liberty Township Police Department - Opponent (Written-only testimony)

Carolyn Conley, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action - Opponent (Written-only testimony)

Chasilyn Carter, Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit - Proponent (Written-only testimony)

Kirt Conrad, Stark Area Regional Transit Authority - Proponent (Written-only testimony)

Laura Koprowski, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority - Proponent (Written-only testimony)

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairwoman Kunze adjourned the committee at approximately 12:17 p.m.

Stephanie Kunze, Chair