

November 13, 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 10:30 a.m. In honor of Veteran's Day, he requested Veterans in the room to stand up for recognition (clapping) and asked they lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gerth reminded everyone that Board of Directors seats are a one-year term. He said the 2026 Board of Directors nomination form will be emailed to members and jurisdictions shortly with a due date of December 5, 2025. He announced members of the nominating committee as Karl Schultz, Roger Kerlin, Tom Voss, Shannon Hartkemeyer and Julie Smith-Morrow. They will meet on December 11 to review nomination forms, attendance and make a recommendation to the board in January. He thanked the committee and the board for their service.

Item #1B Approval of October 9, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the October 9 Board of Director's meeting minutes as distributed. Trustee Jonathan Sams, Warren Co. Association of Township Trustees & Clerks, provided a motion with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees & Clerks; motion passed.

Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski began by recognizing two board members, Mayor Ron Washington of Covington and Mr. Tony Simms-Howell, Resident Member for their recent awards given at the Legacy of Lights Gala hosted by the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce.

Next, Mr. Policinski invited OKI staff member, David Shuey, Director of Information Systems & Analytics to the podium to recognize the GIS's department's achievements at the recent Kentucky GIS Conference. The team won three first place awards and one People's Choice Award for their interactive maps.

- Rachel Stucky: 1st Place for Best Analysis for the Bowman Trail map in Lebanon, Ohio
- Dave Shuey: 1st Place for Best Photography for a "Firefly style" map highlighting funded infrastructure projects
- Jackson Shiffert: Won both Best Web Application and the People's Choice Award for the Devou Park Mountain Bike Trail Web App

Mr. Policinski next mentioned House Bill 445 in the Ohio Legislature to the Committee's attention. He noted that while the legislation targets NOACA (Cleveland) and MORPC (Columbus) due to inter-MPO disputes, the language affects all Ohio COGs (Council of Governments) and

MPOs (Metropolitan Planning Organization). He stated that OKI is monitoring the bill diligently to ensure no negative impacts on the organization's governance or funding.

Next, Mr. Policinski brought forth a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Adoption of an Amendment to the employee 403(b) Plan. He shared the resolution updates the OKI 403(b) retirement plan to allow for In-Plan Roth Rollover/Conversions. This update allows employees to move pre-tax retirement savings into a Roth account, paying taxes on the converted amount now for tax-free growth later.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-32, which was provided by Resident Member Roger Kerlin with a second from Vice Mayor Julie Smith-Morrow, City of Newport; motion passed.

Item #1 D - Survey of Select Populations Needs and Preferences Report

Ms. Julia Brossart, Communications & Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the results of a survey regarding transportation needs for the Elderly, Low-Income, People with Disabilities and Zero-Car Households. She shared that 3,327 surveys were collected across Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. Highlights of the data included:

- **Findings:** The top reasons for travel are shopping, work, and medical appointments. 53% of respondents use public transportation, while 40% drive themselves.
- **Challenges:** Respondents cited on-time service, road conditions, and congestion as primary challenges.
- **Preference:** In every county, more than 51% of respondents indicated they would prefer to drive themselves if given the choice.

She stated survey results will help communities formulate future planning, funding and community engagement strategies in mobility for all. OKI will share the findings with the region's Transit Agencies and can be made available to all board members. Any ideas, comments and if more information is needed, please contact Julia Brossart at jbrossart@oki.org.

Item #1D Finance Officer's Report

Director Hannum presented the financial statements for the period ending September 30th along with current cash information. As of November 7, 2025, OKI had:

\$771,519 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account
\$4,000 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account
\$842,137 – Star Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Director Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and 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. Resident Member Ken Reed, Treasurer, provided a motion with a second from Council Member Victor Wilson, North College Hill; passed.

Item #2 US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program Update

OKI staff Mr. Andy Meyer, Senior Planner for Land Use, provided an update on the "Thrive Together" Sustainability Playbook, which is due to the U.S. EPA on December 1, 2025. He noted that the plan covers the 16-county MSA and that industrial emissions are the leading sector in the inventory, followed by transportation. The plan targets emission reductions of 15% by 2030 and 50% by 2050. He said the Playbook is not an OKI plan thus no need for a resolution, but it serves as a resource for the MSA.

He provided a brief background on the EPA grant program with the primary goal, as defined by EPA, is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through regional and statewide plans. Attention is also paid to co-pollutants' effect on local air quality and health. The 16-county region was awarded a \$1 million formula grant – one was awarded directly to the 67 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) to prepare emission reduction plans that reflect local knowledge, ideas, and needs.

OKI was asked to lead the planning process for the MSA by the City of Cincinnati, Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (Hamilton County), Indiana University and Green Umbrella. OKI's role as the primary convenor for developing the playbook and managing the pass through of grant funding to active partner organizations.

He said the process has been a collaboration among partners and not 'owned' by any one organization. He shared the following:

City of Cincinnati – provided valuable experience having drafted and updated the Green Cincinnati Plan.

Green Umbrella –led stakeholder engagement, developed the ThriveTogether website, and helped to draft portions of the playbook.

Indiana University – provided Fellows to assist with research and drafting content.

Northern Kentucky Area Development District – assisted with senior and rural engagement and active in our partner meetings and engagement.

Hamilton County – Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency – provided staff to assist with data collection, analysis, and stakeholder engagement – specifically related to waste, agricultural and carbon reduction sectors of the plan.

He closed by saying that submitting the draft playbook to EPA at the end of the month is a key milestone in this project, but it is not the finish line. There is one more deliverable – a Summary Report due in the summer of 2027. This report provides updates on several of the sections included in the playbook and details initial steps taken by the region to put the plan into action.

Item #3 The North Warren County Transportation Plan Phase 1

Mr. Bob Koehler, Deputy Executive Director, presented a resolution authorizing the CEO to contract consultant services for the North Warren County Transportation Plan Phase 1. This study focuses on the northern portion of the county, south of Lebanon, evaluating roadway and multi-modal needs. OKI will be a part of a joint effort with Miami Valley Planning Commission, the Warren County Transportation Improvement District and the Warren County Engineer's Office. OKI will lead the consultant selection process and manage the contract.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-33. Trustee Jonathan Sams, Warren Co. Association of Township Trustees & Clerks provided a motion with a second from Council Member Floyd Croucher, City of Trenton; motion passed.

Item #4 Kenton County Transportation Plan Update

OKI staff, Mr. Brett Porter, Senior Transportation Planner, requested authorization for the CEO to execute a contract for the Kenton County Transportation Plan Update. He noted the last full plan was completed in 2014 with an update in 2019. He shared that on September 15, 2025, a Request for Qualifications for Consultant Services was publicly posted with a deadline for submittals of October 16, 2025. A selection committee is conducting an extensive review process to choose a consultant team to help Kenton County identify, update, and prioritize their multimodal transportation needs to support the highest quality of life today and into the future. The Plan Update also includes an element for linking transportation improvements with the county's future land use. OKI is providing \$200,000 in planning funds with Kenton County providing the match.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-34. Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County provided a motion with a second from Council Member Victor Wilson, North College Hill; motion passed.

Item #5 Adoption of the Update to the OKI Title VI Plan

OKI staff Ms. Jenny Newcomb, Digital Media Specialist, said staff regularly reviews the Title VI Plan to ensure equal opportunity to all persons to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-35. Council Member Victor Wilson, North College Hill provided a motion with a second from Council Member Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton; motion passed.

Item #6 Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser, Manager of Transportation Programming, reported that the ICC met on November 12, 2025. The committee heard about the GIS Department's four award-winning maps from the Kentucky GIS conference, the update on the US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, a presentation of OKI's Survey of Select Population Needs and Preferences Report and information about OKI's Traffic Count Program.

Additionally, the ICC approved TIP administrative modification and recommended the Executive Committee approve four resolutions, including the North Warren County Transportation Plan Phase 1, consultant selection for the Kenton County Transportation Plan, the Title VI Plan and TIP Amendment #4.

Item #7 Amendment #4 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser, presented Amendment #4, which includes 24 highway projects and two transit projects. He noted because the scope, cost and timing of the included projects are subject to change, and because new projects are continually being developed, the TIP is amended as needed. He further provided the following details:

- Adds 15 Ohio projects awarded OKI Repaving Pilot Program funding
- Adds 7 Kentucky projects awarded OKI Repaving Pilot Program funding
- Adds Right of Way phase for Green Twp. Werk & Westbourne Intersection (PID 116548)
- Cancels Blue Ash EV Charging project per their request (PID 122813)
- Revises funding for Butler County Regional Transit Authority Security Equipment (PID 118004)
- Adds OKI CMAQ and OKI STBG funds to existing SORTA Bus Replacement Project (PID 118387) - no new money, utilizes unused funds previously awarded to regional transit

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-36. Council Member Victor Wilson, North College Hill provided a motion with a second from Resident Member Roger Kerlin; motion passed.

Item #8 Other Business

President Gerth announced that the December Executive Committee meeting is traditionally cancelled. There were no objections in cancelling the meeting.

Item #9 Adjournment

Resident Member Ken Reed, Treasurer, provided a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Council Member Victor Wilson, North College Hill; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:35 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	Y	Y
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	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	Y	E
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y		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	R	E
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	Y	E
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y			Y	E	Y	E	Y	E
City of Hamiltion Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson		E	E		Y					
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y	E		Y		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		E/R
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	R	Y		Y
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y	R		R	Y	Y	R	R
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y		Y		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	E	Y	Y
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	E
Resident Members (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate									
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y	E	E	E	E	Y		Y	E
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Y			Y	E	E		E	E
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	E
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y	E	E	E	Y	E	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	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y					Y		Y	
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	E

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<u>Guests</u>	<u>OKI Staff</u>
Annalise Cahill, DSD	L. Platt
Suzanne Enders, ODOT	Regina Fields
Mathew Rhoads, INDOT	Julia Brossart
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert	Jenny Newcomb
Katie Eagen, Structurepoint	Travis Miller
Nick Okuley, City of Mason	Katie Hannum
Karee Utterback, Environmental Design Group	Robert Koehler
Stanislav Beresford, City of Trenton	David Rutter
Zoe Bracell, City of Cincinnati	Timothy Stautberg
Aubry Petree, Hamilton County	Jersson Pachar
Lilah Foley, Hamilton County	Robyn Bancroft
	Michael Outrich
	Samantha Sheppard
	Hui Xie
	Summer Jones
	Taylor O'Rourke
	David Shuey
	Jackson Shiffert
	Rachel Stuckey
	Brett Porter
	Liren Zhou