

**Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
Joint Pension Board**

Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Meeting

Joint Pension Board Members Present: Stephen Durkee, Maureen Martin, David Garzone, Thomas Cute and Kevin Millea

Absent Members: None

Also Present: Raymond Studley, Chief Executive Officer; Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Legal; Christian Capizzo, Outside Counsel; Ramona Gonzalez, Human Resources; Maureen Ruzzano, Human Resources; and Marie DiToro, Recording Secretary

Agenda Item 1: Approval of January 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Durkee calls the meeting to order. Mr. Millea made a motion to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes. Mr. Cute seconded and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Convene as Pension Benefit Sub-Committee

JPB Action: Robert DeMoranville: Ms. Gonzalez states that Mr. DeMoranville is requesting a late pension. He entered into the employ of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority on October 7, 2003. He was employed by the Authority for a total of 5 years and 6 months. During his employment, Mr. DeMoranville was included in the hourly pension plan. Due to his age his pension had to go to the Angell Pension Group. He has requested such benefits become effective October 1, 2015 in the monthly amount of \$738.15. Mr. Durkee asks why the delay in six years. Mr. Millea states that this is another pension that had to be sent out to the Angell Pension group and although the committee has asked and asked they still do not know how this gets calculated. He also states that this gentleman has had to wait for his pension since October 2015. It is not the fault of RIPTA; however the fault of Angell Pension Group. Ms. Ruzzano states that the gentleman was out on workers comp and an employee cannot collect on workers comp and their pension at the same time. Ms. Ruzzano states that he signed off of workers comp in order to take his pension benefits. Mr. Millea makes a motion to approve the benefits for Mr. DeMoranville in the monthly amount of \$738.15. Mr. Cute seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

JPB Action: Kenneth Landry: Ms. Gonzalez states that Mr. Landry is requesting an early pension. He entered into the employ of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority on March 31, 2003. He was employed by the Authority for a total of 12 years and 11 months. During his employment, Mr. Landry was included in the hourly pension plan. Based on his years of service and his age, Mr. Landry is entitled to a pension. He has requested such benefits become effective March 1, 2016. Mr. Millea makes a motion to approve the benefits for Mr. Landry in the monthly amount of \$734.44. Mr. Cute seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

JPB Action: Reuben Alford: Ms. Gonzalez states that Mr. Alford is requesting a late pension. He entered into the employ of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority on February 21, 1977. He was employed by the Authority for a total of 39 years. During his employment, Mr. Alford was included in the hourly pension plan. Based on his years of service and his age, Mr. Alford is entitled to a pension. He has requested such benefits become effective March 1, 2016. Mr. Cute makes a motion to approve the benefits for Mr. Alford in the monthly amount of \$3452.31. Mr. Garzone seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. Mr. Durkee and the board congrats Mr. Alford and wishes him all the best in retirement.

JPB Action: David Browning: Ms. Gonzalez states that Mr. Browning is requesting a late pension. He entered into the employ of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority on February 17, 1979. He was employed by the Authority for a total of 37 years. During his employment, Mr. Browning was included in the hourly pension plan. Based on his years of service and his age, Mr. Browning is entitled to a pension. He has requested such benefits become effective March 1, 2016. Mr. Millea makes a motion to approve the benefits for Mr. Browning in the monthly amount of \$5513.89. Ms. Martin seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. Mr. Cute states that Mr. Browning worked his way through the ranks at the Authority. He had some health issues that never stopped him coming to work and had a nickname for everyone in the place.

JPB Action: Edward Laflamme: Ms. Gonzalez states that Mr. Laflamme is requesting a late pension. He entered into the employ of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority on June 2, 2003. He was employed by the Authority for a total of 12 years and 9 months. During his employment, Mr. Laflamme was included in the hourly pension plan. Based on his years of service and his age, Mr. Laflamme is entitled to a pension. He has requested such benefits become effective March 1, 2016. Mr. Cute makes a motion to approve the benefits for Mr. Laflamme in the monthly amount of \$748.88. Mr. Garzone seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Adjournment

Mr. Garzone makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Martin seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie DiToro

Recording Secretary