

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes of Monday, October 16, 2017

**Board Members**

**Present:** Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Mark Susa; Director Peter Alviti; and Princess Sirleaf Bomba;

**Absent:** Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; and Joshua Brumberger

**Also Present:** Amy Pettine, Interim CEO; Attorney Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Counsel; Attorney Christopher Fragomeni, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Confidential Executive Assistant

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from September 25, 2017**

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, Ms. Bomba, and Mr. Kezirian. \*Mr. Alviti abstains.

**Agenda Item 2: Public Comment**

1. Don Rhodes: Expresses concerns over meetings held at 269 Melrose versus 705 Elmwood bldg.
2. Mark Susa: Discusses concerns over bus frequency in some Warwick areas.
3. Margaret DeVos: Discusses participation in a working group about safety at Trinity Square.

**Agenda Item 3: CEO's Report**

Ms. Pettine discusses a press event on Friday for the Newport Gateway, and provides an update on the Providence Intermodal Transportation Center (PITC) project.

**Agenda Item 4: Consideration of Approval for RIdE Department's Request: Changes to ADA Application**

Mark Therrien, Executive Director of Paratransit Service and Brooks Almonte, Paratransit Superintendent, present a new application for the RIdE program and discuss differences between the new version and the old version from several years ago. They explain that RIdE will obtain input on the new application from stakeholders before implementing it.

**Agenda Item 5: Consideration of Approval for Procurement Department's Request: Prorated Warranty Purchase of Cooling System Components for the 2013 Gillig Fleet**

Mike McGrane, Contract Manager, and Joseph Monti, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, present a request for approval to purchase a cooling system for the 2013 Gillig Fleet.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Santilli seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Susa, Ms. Bomba, and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 6: Consideration of Approval for Planning Department's Request: RFP 17-21 Fare Collection System Upgrades**

Greg Nordin, Interim Director of Planning, presents a request for approval to purchase upgrades for the fare collection system.

Mr. Santilli makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Martin seconds and the motion passes

with favorable votes by Ms. Bomba, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 7:      Consideration of Approval for Planning Department's Request:  
Amend RIPTA's Current Procurement Authorization Level**

Roger Mencarini, Director of Procurement, presents a request to increase the CEO's procurement authority from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Alviti seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Mr. Susa, Ms. Bomba, and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 8:      Update on Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan**

Sarah Ingle, Principal Planner, presents an update on the Human Services Transportation Plan, feedback received from public meetings and surveys, and the next steps.

Ms. Bomba exits.

**Agenda Item 9:      Update on Downtown Transit Connector**

Greg Nordin presents an update on the Downtown Transit Connector, discussing an overview of the plan, progress, and next steps.

**Agenda Item 10:      Executive Session to consider the job performance, character, and  
qualifications of candidates for Chief Executive Officer, which persons  
have been notified pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1).\***

Upon motion by Ms. Martin, which was seconded by Ms. Santilli, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, and Mr. Kezirian:

**Voted:** To convene the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(1) related to job performance, character and qualifications of candidates for Chief Executive Officer, and approval of executive session minutes from September 25, 2017.

**The Board, staff, and counsel thereafter convened into executive session at 02:59 p.m.**

**The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 03:33 p.m.**

Attorney Fragomeni reports out that the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 25, 2017 executive session.

**Agenda Item 11:      CEO Search: Discussion concerning candidate interviews**

Mr. Kezirian provides an update of the CEO search, advising that no votes were taken regarding the CEO search in executive session.

**Agenda Item 12:      Adjournment 03:34 p.m.**

Ms. Martin moves to adjourn, Ms. Santilli seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, and Mr. Kezirian.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary