

**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Transportation Conference Room
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Minutes of Monday, October 21, 2019
1:33 p.m.

Board Members

Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Robert Kells; and Peter Alviti.

Absent: Stephanie Ogidan Preston; and Jose Rosario.

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, Chief Executive Officer; Christopher Fragomeni, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Executive Assistant; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Agenda Item 1: To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of September 27, 2019. Mr. Brumberger seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment.

1. Don Rhodes: Concerns with revenue, interior cleanliness, and opportunities for interior advertising.
2. Randall Rose: Concerns with use of bond funds to disburse buses from central hub, and security improvements.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on the monthly report, Kennedy Plaza, Garrahy, the train station, and the upcoming investment update in November.

Agenda Item 4: Transit Master Plan Update.

Sarah Ingle, Director of Long Range Planning of RIPTA, presents an update on the Transit Master Plan.

Agenda Item 5: Downtown Transit Connector (DTC) Progress.

Gregory Nordin, Executive Director of Planning of RIPTA, presents an update on the progress of the Downtown Transit Connector.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Department's Request for Approval of the Fare Structure.

Mr. Nordin presents a request for approval of the proposed fare structure.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the fee application, with the option of revisiting the possibility of a charge in the future. Ms. Wilcox seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2) regarding litigation and collective bargaining.*

Upon motion by Mr. Brumberger, which was seconded by Mr. Alviti, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Voted: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss litigation and collective bargaining.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 02:51 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 03:31 p.m.

Attorney Fragomeni reports out that pursuant to R.I. Gen. laws § 42-46-4(b), the Board unanimously voted to keep all votes taken in Executive Session sealed so as to not jeopardize any strategy or negotiation.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Ms. Wilcox seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment 03:32 p.m.

Mr. Alviti moves to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms., Wilcox, Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary