

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Board Members

Present:

Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Peter Alviti; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; Mark Susa; and Joshua Brumberger

Absent:

None.

Also Present:

Amy Pettine, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Attorney Girard Visconti, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Confidential Executive Assistant; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from February 21, 2018 and March 19, 2018.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Martin seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Don Rhodes: Expresses support for Scott Avedisian's appointment and commends Amy.
2. Tom Cute: Commends Amy, and expresses concern over the passenger code of conduct.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Ms. Pettine provides KPI updates and discusses Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council meetings, Capital Projects, and the Green Fleet project. Ms. DiLauro, Director of Finance of RIPTA, discusses the Joint Pension Board portfolio management services.

Agenda Item 4: Chairman's Report.

Mr. Kezirian discusses the status, process and alternatives of the CEO search.

Ms. Martin makes a motion to offer the Chief Executive Officer position to Scott Avedisian. Ms. Bomba seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Santilli, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of Approval for Procurement Department's Request: Transit Buses from Gillig, LLC.

Michael McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, and Joseph Monti Assistant Superintendent of maintenance of RIPTA, present a request to approve the purchase of transit buses from Gillig, LLC.

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

Agenda Item 6: Presentation from Finance Department: Quarterly Report.

Karen DiLauro, Director of Finance of RIPTA, presents the Quarterly Report.

Agenda Item 7: Fare Technology Project Update.

Gregory Nordin, Interim Director of Planning of RIPTA, and Barbara Polichetti, Director of Public Affairs of RIPTA, present an update on the progress of the Fare Technology project, and next steps.

Agenda Item 8: Rlde Program KPI and ABBG Report.

Mark Therrien, Director of Paratransit Service of RIPTA, and Brooks Almonte, Paratransit Superintendent of RIPTA, present an update on Rlde program KPIs and the American Bus Benchmarking Group Report.

Agenda Item 9: Draft Code of Conduct for Passengers and Patrons.

Board decides to hold item for future discussion.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of Approval: Retention of Outside Legal Counsel.

Benjamin Salzillo, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, presents a request to approve the retention of an outside legal counsel.

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

Agenda Item 11: 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 Ms. Martin, which was seconded by Ms. Santilli, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger, Mr. Alviti, and Mr. Kezirian.

Voted: To convene the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2).

The Board, staff, and counsel thereafter convened into executive session at 3:14 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 04:01 p.m.

Attorney Visconti 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. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Martin, Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment 04:03 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary