

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Monday, May 21, 2018

Board Members

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

Absent: Maureen Martin, Board Secretary

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from April 25, 2018.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Mark Susa: Expresses concerns over bus stops near Rhode Island Hospital and Warwick.
2. Tom Cute: Anticipates working with Mr. Avedisian, and commends Amy for a great job.
3. Randall Rose: Agrees with Mr. Cute's sentiments.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Ms. Pettine provides updates on the State Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council, Volkswagen Settlement Funds, RIPTA's Flash Pass (mobile fare) program, Transit Master Plan briefing, and upcoming Summer Service Changes.

Agenda Item 4: Chairman's Report.

Mr. Kezirian discusses the CEO contract status and transition planning.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of Approval for Legal Department's Request: Comprehensive General Liability Policy.

Mr. Salzillo presents a request for approval of the Comprehensive General Liability Policy.

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

Agenda Item 6: 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, and § 42-46-5(a)(3) regarding the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices.*

Upon motion by Mr. Brumberger, which was seconded by Ms. Bomba, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Santilli, Mr. Susa, 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) and §42-46-5(a)(3).

The Board, staff, and counsel thereafter convened into executive session at 1:50 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 02:07 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. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 7: Adjourment 02:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary