

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

Minutes of Tuesday, July 17, 2018

1:30 p.m.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; and Mark Susa

**Absent:** Maureen Martin, Board Secretary, Joshua Brumberger, Princess Sirleaf Bomba, and Peter Alviti

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

**Agenda Item 1:           **Approval of the Minutes from June 19, 2018.****

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

**Agenda Item 2:           **Public Comment****

1. Patricia Raub: Concerned with the new Providence terminal, funding, and promotion of events.
2. Grant Dulgarian: Concerned with one-day pass limitations. Would like to discuss with staff.

**Agenda Item 3:           **CEO Report.****

Mr. Avedisian provides updates on the 808 contract, Downtown Transit Connector project, Pawtucket and Central Falls project, the Transit Master Plan, Quonset project, and an inventory audit report.

**Agenda Item 4:           **Consideration of Approval for Finance Department's Request: Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2024.****

Nathan Watchous, Financial Analyst of RIPTA, and Amy Pettine, General Manager of Strategic Advancement of RIPTA, present a request for approval of the Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**Agenda Item 5:           **Consideration for Approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with Proterra Electric Bus, Inc.****

Lillian Picchione, Director of Capital Development of RIPTA, and Ms. Pettine, present a request to enter into a lease agreement Proterra Electric Bus, Inc.

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

**Agenda Item 6:           **FTA Transit Asset Management.****

Ms. Picchione and Ms. Pettine present an update on the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Asset Management.

**Agenda Item 7:           **Consideration of Approval for Change Order to Millennium Consulting for HASTUS Project Management.****

Mr. McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, and James Dean, Director of Transportation of RIPTA, present a request for approval to a Change Order to Millennium Consulting for HASTUS project management.<sub>1</sub>

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

**Agenda Item 8:            Consideration of Approval for Change Order to Downtown Transit Connector Program Management, PO# 170961**

Gregory Nordin, Director of Planning of RIPTA, presents a request for a Change Order to Downtown Transit Connector program management.

Ms. Santilli makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with a favorable vote by Mr. Susa.

Mr. Kezirian abstained from any discussion or consideration of this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 9:            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. Preston, which was seconded by Ms. Santilli, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, 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 2:25 p.m.**

**The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 02:39 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.

Ms. Preston makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Ms. Santilli seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 12:            Adjournment 02:38 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary