

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES of Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Board Members

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

Absent: Maureen Martin, Board Secretary

Also Present: Raymond Studley, CEO; Attorney Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Counsel; Attorney Christian Capizzo, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Confidential Executive Assistant; Other members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the June 26, 2017 Board Minutes

Mr. Brumberger makes a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Bomba seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Randall Rose: Discusses concerns over the fare box technology contract.

Agenda Item 3: CEO's Report

Mr. Studley discusses an update on the budget impasse, and last year's 2017 fiscal year surplus, compared to fiscal year 2018.

Agenda Item 4: Chairman's Comments: CEO Update

Mr. Kezirian discusses the retention of KL2 for the search of a new CEO, and a public notice for the open position published on RIPTA's website. Mr. Kezirian discusses a tentative agreement with Mr. Studley to extend his contract from August 31, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion of Board Schedule

Mr. Kezirian discusses the need to amend the Board schedule and potentially scheduling the next meeting within the first two weeks of September.

Agenda Item 6: Kennedy Plaza Downtown Connector Update

Mr. Kezirian discusses meetings coordinated by the City of Providence's planning department, and expresses concerns from a RIPTA standpoint.

Agenda Item 7: Farebox Technology Update/Procurement

Mr. Nordin, Associate Director of Planning of RIPTA, presents an update of the farebox technology, procurement process and how the selection for specific technology was done. He discusses the background information collected and recommendations given to move the farebox update forward. Mr. Nordin and Ms. Pettine, Executive Director of Planning of RIPTA, discuss the

goals of the project, steps being taken in order to achieve these goals, and the public input involved in the creation of specific goals. Mr. Nordin, Ms. Pettine and Mr. Brumberger discuss options for fare products, hardware and software upgrades, and the ability to transition fare products to other technology as needed in the future. Mr. Kezirian, Mr. Studley and Mr. Nordin discuss how the no fare program may be integrated into these technology updates. Ms. Santilli, Ms. Pettine, and Ms. Bomba discuss marketing rollout and branding. Ms. Preston, Mr. Nordin, and Mr. Brumberger discuss budgeting for marketing. Mr. Alviti and Ms. Pettine discuss a potential presentation of the overall project budget, technical advisor services, marketing plan, and other necessary supports. Ms. Santilli, Mr. Studley and Mr. Nordin discuss payment and third party retail options for riders.

Agenda Item 8: Executive Search Update: Appointment of members to Executive Search Subcommittee

Mr. Kezirian advises he will appoint members of the subcommittee sometime prior to the next meeting, as permitted by the bylaws.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of Approval for Procurement Dept.'s Request: Contract for Cleaning Compounds, RFP 17-22

Mr. McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, presents a request to award a contract to Chemstation Connecticut to supply and deliver cleaning chemicals. This is a three-year contract with up to two annual renewal options to be executed at the sole discretion of the authority.

Mr. Brumberger makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: 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.*

Voted: To convene the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2) related to litigation, collective bargaining and approval of executive session minutes from March 6, 2017.

Mr. Brumberger makes a motion to convene in Executive Session. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes unanimously.

The Board thereafter convened into Executive session.

[Executive Session]

[Returned to Open Session]

Upon returning to Open session, Attorney Capizzo reports that in accordance with RIGL §42-46-4(b), the Board unanimously voted to keep all votes taken in Executive session related to litigation, collective bargaining confidential and under seal so as to not jeopardize any strategy, negotiation or investigation undertaken pursuant to discussions under RIGL §42-46-5(a).

Mr. Kezirian reports out that the Board approved the minutes from the June 14, 2017 executive session and approved to seal those executive session minutes. Mr. Kezirian also reports out that the Board approved the minutes from the June 26, 2017 executive session and approved to seal those executive session minutes.

Agenda Item 11: **Adjournment**

Mr. Brumberger moves to adjourn, Ms. Santilli seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary