

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

269 Melrose Street, Providence

Minutes of Tuesday, August 21, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present: Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Mark Susa; and Joshua Brumberger.

Absent: Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary, Princess Sirleaf Bomba, and Peter Alviti.

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, Chief Executive Officer; Attorney Girard Visconti, 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 July 17, 2018.

Ms. Preston makes a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Board meeting. Mr. Susa seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Randall Rose: Discusses concerns with Kennedy Plaza changes and necessary enhancements.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Mr. Avedisian provides a monthly update on operations and projects, advises that the September Board meeting will be held at Kennedy Plaza, and provides an update on electric buses timeline.

Agenda Item 4: Request for approval of Non-Represented staff pay raises.

Kathy Nadeau, Director of Human Resources of RIPTA, and Christopher Durand, Director of Finance of RIPTA, present a request for approval of Non-Represented staff pay raises.

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

Agenda Item 5: Request for approval of the Amended Travel Policy.

Paul Dilorio, Director of Accounting of RIPTA, presents a request for approval of the amended Travel Policy.

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

Agenda Item 6: Request for approval of Architectural and Engineering Services, RFP 16-26.

Mr. Michael McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, presents a request for approval of architectural and engineering services from Michael Baker International of Warwick.

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

Agenda Item 7: Request for approval of Installation of Chargers for Electric Buses.

Ms. Picchionne, Director of Capital Development of RIPTA, presents a request for approval of the installation of chargers for electric buses.

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

Agenda Item 8: Request for approval to change authorized personnel on TD Bank Resolution.

Mr. DiIorio and Mr. Durand present a request for approval to change authorized personnel on TD Bank Resolution.

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

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 Mr. Brumberger, which was seconded by Ms. Preston, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, and Mr. Kezirian.

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

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 2:05 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 02:20 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.

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

Ms. Preston makes a motion to engage in discussion regarding an early retirement proposal from staff and non-represented staff that would like to take advantage of one retirement package over another. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment 02:28 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary