

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF Thursday, August 11, 2016

Board Members Present: Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Director Peter Alviti; Maureen Martin; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; Stephanie Ogidan Preston; Karen Santilli; and Mark Susa

Absent: Joshua Brumberger

Also Present: Raymond Studley, CEO; Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Legal; Christian Capizzo, Outside Counsel; Victoria Catalano, Recording Secretary; and other members of RIPTA's staff, and members of the public.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the July 26, 2016 Board Minutes

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the July 26, 2016 Board meeting minutes as presented, Director Alviti seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

Tom Cute, ATU President, speaks on the ferry service and security in Kennedy Plaza.
Ray Gagne provides the Board members with a handout which he has prepared at the request of the Board previously.
Randall Rose speaks on the scheduling of the board meetings and public comment.
Arthur Morelli speaks in favor of keeping no fare bus passes.

Agenda Item 3: Scheduling of Future Meetings

Board Chair Kezirian asks for comments from the Board members regarding scheduling of future meetings. There is discussion between the board members.

Agenda Items 4: Discussion of Grievances Filed Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Agenda Items 5: Update and Discussion of Status of Collective Bargaining

Agenda Items 6: Consideration of Job Performance

Mr. Capizzo, outside legal counsel, identifies the above items as those that will need to go into executive session under RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2), as well as Agenda Item No. 1 as it relates to the executive session minutes, and further states that in regard to Agenda Item No. 6, consideration of job performance under RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(1), that notification pursuant to the statute was made notifying that individual of their right to have the discussion in open session and if it is in

executive session a motion is needed to determine if the individual will be invited into executive session.

Ms. Preston makes a motion to go into Executive Session and it is seconded by Ms. Bomba and passes unanimously.

Ms. Preston makes a motion to invite the individual for consideration of job performance to be present in executive session and it is seconded by Ms. Martin and passes unanimously.

Ms. Preston makes a motion to invite senior staff for discussion as necessary and relevant to the discussions and it is seconded by Ms. Santilli and passes unanimously.

Board Chair Kezirian moves the meeting into Executive Session.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

Ms. Preston makes a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session and it is seconded by Director Alviti and passes unanimously.

Mr. Capizzo advises the board members to make a motion pursuant to 42-46-4(b) to keep all votes made in the Executive Session regarding collective bargaining confidential so as not to jeopardize any strategy, negotiations or investigations taken pursuant to discussion of 42-46-5(a). Director Alviti so moves and a roll call vote is taken all board members (excepting Mr. Susa) are polled and vote in favor of the motion and it passes unanimously.

Board Chair Kezirian states there are no other motions or votes taken in Executive Session to report out.

Director Alviti makes a motion to bring in an outside consultant and it is seconded by Ms. Martin and it passes unanimously. Board Chair Kezirian will work with staff on the specifics of an RFQ.

Director Alviti makes a motion for the board to discuss having volunteers from the outside assist on some of the standing committees and it is seconded by Ms. Santilli and passes unanimously. A discussion is had by board members.

Director Alviti makes the motion to adjourn, Ms. Martin seconds and it passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Catalano
Recording Secretary