



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026
1:30 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

Members Present: Director Peter Alviti, Board Chair; James Leach, Board Treasurer; Patrick Crowley, Board Secretary; Normand Benoit; Vincent Masino.

Absent Members: Bernard Georges; James Lombardi; Marcy Reyes; and Heather Schey.

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Jacqueline Weidinger, Executive Assistant to CEO; members of RIPTA staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Director Alviti calls the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., indicating that quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 17, 2025.**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 2: **To consider for approval the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 17, 2025.**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes, as amended during the meeting, namely correcting a typographical error in a date. Mr. Masino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

1. Daria Phoebe Brashear

- Is in favor of the Millionaires' Tax legislation.

2. Dylan Giles – Save RIPTA – Providence Street Coalition

- Discusses service cuts and rider impact from the 2025 RIPTA Service Cuts / Impact Report that Save RIPTA and the Providence Street Coalition prepared and distributed to the Board of Directors.
- Grateful for the Pawtucket / Central Falls Center, but states that more service options are needed.
- Is in favor of the Millionaires' Tax legislation.
- Discussed the devastating loss of a young family member of Nicole O'Loughlin's who works with Save RIPTA.

Agenda Item 4: CEO Report

Christopher Durand, RIPTA's CEO, provides an update regarding RIPTA's Employee Spotlight; the RIPTA drivers and staff honored by Governor McKee; Ridership; On-Time Performance; Lost Service; Budget; and Safety Data.

No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 5: RIPTA Policies Pursuant R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-155, et.seq.

Steven Colantuono, RIPTA's Chief Legal Counsel, presents the request to approve RIPTA Policies pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-155 et.seq;

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the following RIPTA Policies, as presented:

- Policy Governing all RIPTA Policies,
- Code of Ethics Policy,
- Indemnification Policy,
- Grants and Charitable and Civic Donations Policy,
- Lobbying Policy,
- Credit Card Policy,
- Employee Recruitment and Hiring Policy,
- Employee Retirement, Resignation, and Termination Policy,

- Expense Reimbursement Policy,
- Internal Accounting and Administrative Controls Policy,
- Marketing and Communications Policy, and
- Travel Policy.

Mr. Masino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Leach.

Agenda Item 6: Line of Credit – Board Resolution

Christopher Durand presents the request for the Authority to enter into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the request and issue a resolution. Mr. Masino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Leach.

Agenda Item 7: Board Resolution as presented by RIPTA Board Member Normand Benoit – Support of “Millionaires’ Tax Legislation”

Mr. Benoit presents a resolution to the Board regarding support of the “Millionaires’ Tax Legislation”.

Discussion ensues and Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve and issue the resolution. Mr. Crowley seconds the motion. The motion fails with opposition from Director Alviti, Mr. Masino and Mr. Leach.

Agenda Item 8: Board Questions and Answers

None. No vote taken.

Agenda Item 9: Executive Session

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) (Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation).

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Leach, Mr. Benoit and Director Alviti.

The Board enters into 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) (Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation).

The Board and Counsel enter into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

The Board and Counsel enter public session at 2:44 p.m.

Attorney Fragomeni reports that four votes were taken during Executive Session, including a vote to seal the votes taken during Executive Session and a vote to adjourn Executive Session.

Mr. Masino makes a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. Leach seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Crowley and Director Alviti.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment – 2:47 p.m.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Leach and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Crowley, Secretary