



RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**Joint Pension Board**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2026**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**269 Melrose Street, Providence**  
**Transportation Board Room**

**Members Present:** Normand Benoit, Chairperson; Steven Sousa; Walter Melillo; Teri Fossa; Maureen Alexander; and Jenny Williford.

**Absent Members:** None.

**Also Present:** Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Maureen Ruzzano, HR Chief Compliance Officer; Jacqueline Weidinger, Administrative Assistant-Executive Office; and RIPTA staff.

**Call to order:** Mr. Benoit calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 1:**        **Approval of February 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026, meeting. Mr. Sousa seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Fossa and Ms. Williford.

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

None.

**Agenda Item 3:      Convene as Pension Benefit Subcommittee**

**Consideration Of Benefit Requests for Local 618 & 618A Employees**

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Stephen D. Elias – Telephone Operator – Active Employee. Mr. Elias requested his pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$3286.87 per month.

Mr. Sousa makes a motion to approve. Mr. Melillo seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Fossa and Ms. Williford.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Robert Jackson – Bus Operator – Active Employee. Mr. Jackson requested his late pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$645.28 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve. Mr. Sousa, seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Fossa and Ms. Williford.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Kevin Smith – Transportation Clerk – Active Employee. Mr. Smith requested his late pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$3497.36 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve. Mr. Sousa, seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Fossa and Ms. Williford.

**Agenda Item 5      Adjournment 1:04 p.m.**

Mr. Sousa makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Melillo, seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Williford, Mr. Benoit, Ms. Alexander and Ms. Fossa.

Respectfully submitted,

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