



Joint Pension Board
Thursday, February 26, 2026
12:30 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 12:30 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Approval of January 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 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 (QDRO) pension application for Constance Reall, former spouse of employee John Reall – Active Employee. Ms. Reall requested her late (QDRO) pension benefits become effective on January 1, 2026, in the amount of \$1294.86 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Ellen Ford – Van Operator – Active Employee. Ms. Ford requested her late pension benefits become effective on March 1, 2026, in the amount of \$2202.83 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 Archie Watt – Utility Worker – Active Employee. Mr. Watt requested his late pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2026, in the amount of \$2596.02 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 4: Segal Pension Advisors

Mr. Julian M. Regan from Segal Marco Advisors reviews the RIPTA Pension Plan.

No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 5 Adjournment 1:19 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,

RIPTA Joint Pension Board