



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2025**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**269 Melrose Street, Providence**  
**Transportation Board Room**

**Members Present:** Director Peter Alviti, Board Chair; James Lombardi, Board Vice Chair; James Leach, Board Treasurer; Patrick Crowley, Board Secretary; Normand Benoit; Vincent Masino; and Bernard Georges.

**Absent Members:** Marcy Reyes; and Heather Schey.

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

**Call to Order:** Director Alviti calls the meeting to order at 1:30 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 September 25, 2025.

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

**Agenda Item 2:** To consider for approval the Draft Executive Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of September 25, 2025.

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

**Agenda Item 3:**      Public Comment

1. Daria Phoebe Brashear

- RIPTA run cuts are worse, the buses are more crowded. Some buses show up late or not at all.
- Suggests a more aggressive dispatch.

2. Dylan Giles- Save RIPTA – Providence Street Coalition

- Discussed and read some comments from the Rider Impact Survey Response that Save RIPTA and Providence Street Coalition implemented.

3. Mike Hogan – Did not Speak.

**Agenda Item 4:**                      **CEO Report**

Christopher Durand, RIPTA's CEO, provides an update regarding RIPTA's Employee Spotlight on Nakeecha Roberts, Customer Service Representative; Ridership; On Time Performance; Lost Service; and the Summer Youth Pass Pilot Program.

No vote is taken.

Christopher Durand requests that Agenda Item 7, Financial Statements, be moved to the next item and the Board agreed.

**Agenda Item 7:**                      **Financial Statements**

Erica Olobri, CPA, MPAC, Managing Director CBIZ and Benjamin Wilkinson, Senior Manager, CBIZ present the draft Financial Statements to the board.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to accept the Financial Statement with the suggested edits made. Mr. Crowley seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Masino, Mr. Georges and Mr. Leach.

**Agenda Item 5: 2024 Rider Survey Presentation**

Sarah Ingle; Deputy Chief of Planning and Ella Ackerman; Long Range Transit Planner presents to the Board.

The RIPTA Board of Directors discusses the importance of this Survey and how it can benefit in the future.

No vote is taken.

**Agenda Item 6: Public Transit Authority Safety Plan**

Joseph Philbin, Director of Street Supervision and Security Specialist; and Kenneth Vinacco; Director of Training and Security Specialist present to the board.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the Public Transit Authority Safety Plan. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Director Alviti, Mr. Georges, Mr. Leach, Mr. Benoit, and Mr. Lombardi.

**Agenda Item 8: Van Wrapping Contract**

John Chadwick, Chief Administrative Officer makes the request.

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

**Agenda Item 9: Board Questions and Answers**

The Board of Directors inquires about adding a lobbyist to RIPTA's team; and would like Mr. Durand to provide a strategy at next month's Board of Director's meeting.

No vote is taken.

**Agenda Item 10:    Adjournment – 2:41 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrick Crowley, Secretary