

# **RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Transportation Conference Room  
269 Melrose Street, Providence  
Minutes of Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

### **Board Members**

**Present:** Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Mark Susa; and Stephen Devine (on behalf of Peter Alviti).

**Absent:** Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Joshua Brumberger; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; and Peter Alviti.

**Also Present:** Scott Avedisian, Chief Executive Officer; Christopher Fragomeni, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Executive Assistant; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Mr. Kezirian called the meeting to order at 1:42 indicating that a quorum was present.

### **Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from December 17, 2018.**

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, Mr. Devine and Mr. Kezirian.

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

1. Patricia Raub: Concerned with some revisions to the Passenger Code of Conduct.
2. Don Rhodes: Concerns with security in Kennedy Plaza. Resignation of RIPTA Riders Alliance.
3. Cliff Wood: Discusses Big Nazo possibly coming to Kennedy Plaza.

### **Agenda Item 3: Chairman's Report.**

Mr. Kezirian discusses preparation for the Census, current RIPTA initiatives, potential impacts of emerging technologies on operations, and the impact of a recently filed litigation on chair position due to conflict considerations. Mr. Kezirian announces his resignation.

### **Agenda Item 4: CEO Report.**

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on the State budget, Federal shutdown, Big Nazo in Kennedy Plaza, and the Human Services Final Report to the Governor and the Legislature.

### **Agenda Item 5: Request for Approval of DTC Change Order.**

Vote postponed for future meeting.

### **Agenda Item 6: Rider Code of Conduct.**

Steven Colantuono, General Counsel of RIPTA, presents an update on the draft Rider Code of Conduct.

### **Agenda Item 7: Fare and Technology Project Update.**

Gregory Nordin, Director of Planning of RIPTA, presents an update on the Fare and Technology project.

### **Agenda Item 8: 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) regarding litigation and collective bargaining.**

Consideration of Agenda Item 8 was deferred until a future meeting.

### **Agenda Item 9: Adjournment 02:37 p.m.**

Ms. Martin moves to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and the motion passes with favorable

votes by Mr. Susa, Mr. Devine, and Mr. Kezirian.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary