

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Transportation Conference Room

269 Melrose Street, Providence

Minutes of Monday, March 18, 2019

1:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present: Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; Mark Susa; and Peter Alviti.

Absent: Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; and Joshua Brumberger.

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from February 6, 2019.

Ms. Bomba makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Board meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, Mr. Alviti and Ms. Preston.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Patricia Raub: Expressed concerns from riders over drivers rushing to keep R-line on schedule and not lowering the bus for passengers to board.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Mr. Avedisian provides and update on the community outreach meetings, service in Quonset, and electric buses.

Agenda Item 4: Legal Department's Request to Change Registered Agent.

Steven Colantuono, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, presents a request to change RIPTA's registered agent to new Claims Adjuster, Helen Davis.

Ms. Santilli makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Alviti seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa and Ms. Preston.

Agenda Item 5: Legal Department's Request to Increase Claims Authorization Limit.

Mr. Colantuono and Ms. Davis present a request to increase the claims authorization limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request for one year, and asks that settled cases be presented to the Board. Ms. Santilli seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, and Ms. Preston.

Agenda Item 6: Legal Department's Request for Commercial Property Insurance Renewal.

Mr. Colantuono and Ms. Davis present a request to renew commercial property insurance.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bomba seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Mr. Susa, and Ms. Preston.

Agenda Item 7: Maintenance Department's Request for Architectural and Engineering Service for the Chafee Maintenance Facility.

Michael McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, presents a request for architectural and engineering service for the Chafee Maintenance Facility.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Santilli seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, and Ms. Preston.

Agenda Item 8: Planning Department's Transit Signal Prioritization Update.

Gregory Nordin, Director of Planning and Zachary Agush, Planner, of RIPTA present an update on transit signal prioritization.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment 02:26 p.m.

Mr. Alviti moves to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa and Ms. Preston.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary