

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes of Monday, March 19, 2018

**Board Members**

**Present:** Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Peter Alviti; and Mark Susa

**Absent:** Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; and Joshua Brumberger

**Also Present:** Amy Pettine, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Attorney Christopher Fragomeni, Board Counsel; and Elizabeth Silvestre, Confidential Executive Assistant; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2017.**

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian. \*Ms. Santilli abstains.

**Agenda Item 2: Public Comment.**

1. Don Rhodes: Expresses content with snow removal, and concerns with project delays and CEO selection.

**Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.**

Ms. Pettine and Gregory Nordin, Interim Director of Planning of RIPTA, discuss Operational KPIs. Ms. Pettine provides updates on the Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council, Federal Transit Administration's Triennial Review, and storm responses. Ms. Preston requests the Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council minutes be included in the board packages.

**Agenda Item 4: Chairman's Report.**

Mr. Kezirian discusses the CEO selection process and scheduling, ridership experience, and technology in transit.

**Agenda Item 5: Consideration of Approval for Legal Department's Request: Commercial Property Premium with CHUBB Insurance.**

John Stanziale, Claims Representative-Liability of RIPTA, and A.J. Rockwell, present a request to approve a Commercial Property Premium with CHUBB Insurance. Ms. Santilli makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, Mr. Alviti and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 6: Title VI Report.**

Ms. Pettine, James Vincent, Compliance Officer of RIPTA, and Gregory Harris, Principal Planner of RIPTA present the Title VI Report. Ms. Preston makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Alviti seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 7:           Presentation from Finance Department: Quarterly Report.**

Karen DiLauro, Director of Finance of RIPTA, presents the Quarterly Report.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to discuss RIPTA staff structure. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian. Mr. Kezirian discusses present and future senior management staffing needs.

**Agenda Item 8:           Update on Downtown Transit Connector.**

Mr. Kezirian abstained from any discussion or consideration of this agenda item.

[Mr. Kezirian exits]

Mr. Nordin presents an update on the Downtown Transit Connector.

[Mr. Kezirian returns]

**Agenda Item 9:           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.\***

Upon motion by Ms. Preston, which was seconded by Ms. Santilli, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Susa, Mr. Alviti and Mr. Kezirian:

**Voted:** To convene the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2).

**The Board, staff, and counsel thereafter convened into executive session at 3:00 p.m.**

**The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 03:09 p.m.**

Attorney Fragomeni reports out that pursuant to R.I. Gen. laws § 42-46-4(b), the Board unanimously voted to keep all votes taken in Executive Session sealed so as to not jeopardize any strategy or negotiation.

Ms. Santilli makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Ms. Preston seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

**Agenda Item 10:           Adjournment 03:10 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary