

**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kennedy Plaza, Providence

Minutes of Monday, September 24, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present: Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice Chair; Mark Susa; Joshua Brumberger; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary, Princess Sirleaf Bomba, and Peter Alviti.

Absent: None.

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes from August 21, 2018.

Mr. Brumberger makes a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Ms. Martin, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

1. Barry Schiller: Expresses concerns and recommends making fares free for all riders.
2. Barbara Henry: Expresses concerns with Ride program

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on electric buses, the Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program, and discusses the meeting location at Kennedy Plaza.

Agenda Item 4: Audit Presentation by Bacon & Company, LLC.

Cheryl Langevin of Bacon & Company, LLC provides an update and the audit presentation to the board.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Approval of FY 2019 Revised and FY 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.

Paul DiIorio, Director of Accounting of RIPTA, and Christopher Durand, Direction of Finance and Budget, present a request for approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Operating Budget.

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

Agenda Item 6: 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.*

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

Voted: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss collective bargaining.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 2:10 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 02:15 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. Preston makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Ms. Martin, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment 02:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary