

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF Monday October 17, 2016

Board Members Present: Wayne Kezirian; Director Peter Alviti; Joshua Brumberger; Maureen Martin; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; Stephanie Ogidan Preston; Karen Santilli; and Mark Susa

Absent: None

Also Present: Raymond Studley, CEO; Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Legal; Christian Capizzo, Outside Counsel; Victoria Catalano, Recording Secretary; and other members of RIPTA's staff, and members of the public.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the September 26, 2016 Board Minutes

Director Alviti makes a motion to approve the September 26, 2016 Board meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Preston seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

Anna Libenow, a former board member, speaks about her concerns regarding the move of the Photo ID office from Kennedy Plaza to Elmwood Avenue. There is discussion between Messrs. Studley, Brumberger and Kezirian about the change.

Princess Bomba arrives to the meeting.

Don Rhodes of the RIPTA Riders Alliance speaks about Photo ID office move out of Kennedy Plaza, changes made to the 58 line, and the safe alert system.

Patricia Raub of the RIPTA Riders Alliance also speaks about concerns about the move of the Photo ID office out of Kennedy Plaza.

Thomas Cute of the ATU Local 618 wants to comment on the Drug & Alcohol Policy which is on the agenda and Mr. Kezirian states he will entertain Mr. Cute's comment at the time it is heard on the Agenda.

Arthur Morelli of the RIPTA Riders Alliance speaks about his concern that Peter Pan busses are still using the East approach.

Paul Harrington previously the ATU Local 618 President/Business Agent now at the ATU International speaks about his history with RIPTA and his concerns about privatization of public transit services. Mr. Kezirian asks Mr. Harrington if he can be a resource for information and/or fact checking and Mr. Harrington responds affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Chairman's Introduction

Mr. Kezirian discusses the changes and financial impact of change in Kennedy Plaza, City of Providence school bussing issues, technology and strategic planning committee structure.

Agenda Item 4: CEO's Report

Mr. Studley speaks about ridership trends, Logisticare issues, bus shelter contract, the ABBG conference, and a consultant RFP. Mr. Studley introduces Southern Sky.

Mr. Capizzo presents a Statement of Conflict of Interest regarding the presentation by Southern Sky. Mr. Capizzo recuses himself and leaves the room during the discussion on this item.

Ralph Palumbo and Lyndsey McGovern of Southern Sky make a presentation regarding virtual net metering where a developer builds the system and provides capital for it, and the electricity generated creates credits which are then sold at a discount for participants to apply to their electric costs. There is discussion, the Board members ask questions and thank Southern Sky for their presentation.

Mr. Capizzo returns to the room after the Southern Sky presentation is completed.

Agenda Item 5: Contract for Sole Source Award: Protran Technology Safe Turn Alert.

This item is deferred at this time.

Agenda Item 6: IFB 17-02 Contract for Genuine Ford Bus Parts

Mr. Mencarini presents the recommendation for this contract for Genuine Ford Bus Parts in the amount of \$100,000.00 be awarded to Tasca Automotive Group of Cranston, RI.

After discussion Ms. Preston moves to approve the contract as presented, Ms. Martin seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: IFB 17-03 Contract for Genuine Chevrolet and General Motors Bus Parts

Mr. Mencarini presents the recommendation for this contract for Genuine Chevrolet and General Motors Bus Parts in the amount of \$360,000.00 be awarded to Tasca Automotive Group of Cranston, RI. After discussion Ms. Preston moves to approve the contract as presented, Ms. Martin seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: IFB 16-34 2010 GILLIG Hybrid Repower Kits

Mr. McGrane and Mr. Harwood present the recommendation for this contract for GILLIG Hybrid Repower Kits in the amount of \$3,430,794.15 be awarded to Cummings Northeast LLC. After discussion Director Alviti moves to approve the contract as presented, Ms. Martin seconds and it passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of Approval of a Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy

Mr. Salzillo and Mr. Studley present this item for approval to adopt the Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy which incorporates the updates to the FTA regulations and has no substantive changes from the previous policy.

After discussion Director Alviti moves to approve the Revised Drug and Alcohol Policy, Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes unanimously.

Mr. Cute withdraws his objection and previous request to comment on this item.

Director Alviti leaves the meeting.

Agenda Item 10: Presentation of Update on Newport Transportation and Visitor's Center

Ms. Picchione presents this item as an update on the status of the Newport Transportation Center in anticipation of a request for contract approval at the next board meeting. Ms. Picchione provides updates on the issues with drainage, landscaping, lighting and signage and answers questions.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Mr. Brumberger makes a motion to adjourn, Ms. Preston seconds and it passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Catalano
Recording Secretary