



**Board of Directors
Board Room
269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI
Minutes of Wednesday, July 20, 2022 Meeting
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Robert Kells, Board Vice Chair; Peter Alviti; Marcy Reyes; Heather Schey; James Leach; and Patrick Crowley

Absent Members: Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Roy Rivers, Executive Paralegal; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Benoit called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., indicating that quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Meeting**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting. Mr. Kells seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit and Ms. Schey. Director Alviti and Ms. Reyes abstained. Mr. Leach was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 2: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Meeting**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 Executive Session meeting. Mr. Kells seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit and Ms. Schey. Director Alviti and Ms. Reyes abstained. Mr. Leach was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 3: **Public Comment**

Patricia Raub. Ms. Raub discussed the following:

- a. Congratulated RIPTA regarding electric buses being added to the fleet.
- b. Hoped RI Transit Riders would be included in the upcoming R Line Study.
- c. Reported that the Terminal Building at Kennedy Plaza was closed for a short period of time.
- d. Reported a missing shelter on Smith Street.

Agenda Item 4: CEO Report

Mr. Avedisian updated the Board on the following:

1. Wave to Work Greystone
2. Manville Flex Service Expansion
3. R-Line Free Fare Announcement
4. GrowSmart Power of Place Summit
5. Summer Service Marketing Campaign
6. Customer Service Expansion
7. In the News
8. Tweet
9. Employee Spotlight
10. Actual Budget
11. Monthly Ridership
12. On Time Performance
13. Cumulative Performance Review
14. Cumulative Performance Detail

Agenda Item 5: Election of the Board of Directors Secretary

Mr. Benoit nominated Patrick Crowley.

Ms. Reyes makes a motion to approve. Director Alviti seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Crowley. Mr. Leach was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Authorization to Exercise the purchase option for three Proterra battery electric buses.

Chris Durand, Chief Financial Officer, presents the request.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve. Ms. Reyes seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Director Alviti, and Ms. Schey. Mr. Leach was not present for the vote.

Board Member, James Leach entered the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Agenda Item 7: Request for Authorization to Approve a Contract for Nelson / Nygaard to carry out a study regarding the R-Line.

Sarah Ingle, Director of Long Range Planning presents the request.

Ms. Reyes makes a motion to approve. Mr. Crowley seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Director Alviti, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Leach.

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) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

Upon Motion by Mr. Alviti, which was seconded by Mr. Leach, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Ms. Reyes, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Crowley:

VOTED: To enter into 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).

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 2:31 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 3:13 p.m.

Attorney Fragomeni reports that the Board of Directors convened in executive session and voted unanimously to seal the votes taken in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-4(b), including collective bargaining or litigation.

Board Member, Heather Schey left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Mr. Leach makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Mr. Crowley seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Director Alviti, and Ms. Reyes.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment - 3:14 p.m.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crowley seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Ms. Reyes, and Mr. Leach.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary