

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

Transportation Conference Room  
Minutes of Tuesday, September 27, 2019  
1:03 p.m.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Robert Kells; Stephanie Ogidan Preston; and Peter Alviti.

**Absent:** Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; and Jose Rosario.

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

**Agenda Item 1: To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2019.**

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of August 27, 2019. Mr. Brumberger seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Mr. Alviti, Mr. Kells and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 2: Public Comment.**

1. Barry Schiller: Congratulates new board members and expresses concern over Kennedy Plaza plans. Suggests collaboration with stakeholders for new ideas.
2. Randall Rose: Concerns with plans for Kennedy Plaza. Supports having more hubs without replacing central hub.
3. Grant Dulgarian: Concerned with discussion of Kennedy Plaza tunnel and lack of ownership.

**Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.**

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on Kennedy Plaza, Capital Projects, the Pawtucket/Central Falls Bus Hub and presents the Monthly Report, including updates on RIC, Master plan, and Fall River.

**Agenda Item 4: Procurement Department's Request: Newport Diesel Tank Replacement, IFB 20-02.**

Michael McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, presents a request for the approval of the Newport diesel tank replacement.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Wilcox seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 5: Procurement Department's Request: Procurement of 29 foot Buses.**

Mr. McGrane presents a request for the approval of 29-foot buses.

Ms. Preston arrives to the meeting.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Wilcox seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 6:      FY2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**

Paul DiIorio, RIPTA's Director of Accounting, and Cheryl Langevin, of Bacon & Company, present a request for approval of the FY2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mr. Kells makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Alviti seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Ms. Preston, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 7:      Request for Approval of the Proposed Operating Budget.**

Christopher Durand, RIPTA's Director of Finance, presents a request for approval of the proposed Operating Budget.

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Mr. Kells, Mr. Alviti and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 8:      Electric Bus Pilot Update.**

Lillian Picchione, RIPTA's Director of ZEV/Sustainability Programs, and Joseph Monti, RIPTA's Maintenance Superintendent, present an update of the Electric Bus Pilot.

**Agenda Item 9:      Fare Changes Update.**

Gregory Nordin, RIPTA's Executive Director of Planning, presents an update on fare changes.

**Agenda Item 13:      Adjournment 03:02 p.m.**

Ms. Wilcox moves to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Mr. Kells, Mr. Alviti and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary