

**RIPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Transportation Conference Room**

**269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907**

**AGENDA**

1. Board Approval: To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2020.
2. Public Comment: Limited to 3 minutes per person (sign-up sheet will be provided).
3. CEO Report:
  - Monthly Update
  - UPASS Ridership
  - Quonset Ridership
  - Fall River ridership
  - DTC Ridership
4. Board Update: Commendations for retired employees
5. Board Update: Planning Department's Review of 2019 Initiatives
6. Adjournment

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By a majority vote, a public body may amend its agenda to add items. The additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except when necessary to address an unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-6(b).

Copies of Meeting Minutes may be obtained pursuant to RIPTA's public records policy, which is available at <http://www.ripta.com/access-to-public-records-act>. An interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing can be provided by calling 784-9500 x1171 at least 48 hours in advance. The location is accessible to the handicapped.

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

Transportation Conference Room  
269 Melrose Street, Providence  
Minutes of Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
1:30 p.m.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; and Peter Alviti.

**Absent:** Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Robert Kells; Stephanie Ogidan Preston; 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.

**Call to order:** Mr. Benoit called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 1:      **To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2020.****

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of January 22, 2020. Ms. Wilcox seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Alviti and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 2:      **Public Comment.****

1. Kevin Cole: Reads a statement from Tom Cute, President and Business Agent of ATU 618 and 618A, expressing opposition to the RIPTA-RIDOT merger.
2. Valerie Bacon: Asks questions on how a merger could benefit RIPTA.
3. Nick DeCristofaro: Asks why RIDOT cannot support RIPTA through collaboration, instead of a merger.
4. Grant Dulgarian: Follows up on his request for suggestion on ways to improve RIPTA service.
5. Barry Schiller: Suggests that a merger may be helpful with climate change initiatives and snow removal, and expresses concern over a lack of public involvement at RIDOT.
6. Susan Feeley: Concerns with RIDOT's lack of public input and possibility of highway funding absorbing everything while overlooking mass transit.
7. Randall Rose: Concerned with lack of transparency and suggests RIPTA and RIDOT collaborate on funding rather than merging.
8. Pat Fontes: Concerned with public losing its input, as RIPTA has implemented her suggestions in the past, but RIDOT has never responded to questions.
9. Liza Burkin: RIDOT has broken the trust of people who do not drive a car and has consistently denied public input.

**Agenda Item 3:      **CEO Report.****

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on the monthly report, UPASS ridership, Quonset

ridership, Fall River ridership, and DTC ridership.

**Agenda Item 4: Commendations for retired employees.**

Mr. Avedisian presents commendations to Amy Pettine, James Dean, and Lillian Picchione for their many years of public service at RIPTA.

**Agenda Item 5: Planning Department's Review of 2019 Initiatives.**

Gregory Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement of RIPTA, presents a review of the 2019 initiatives.

**Agenda Item 6: Adjournment 02:20 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary