

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

Cisco WebEx Video Conference
Meeting number: 969 281 986
Minutes of Monday, April 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Board Members

Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Robert Kells; and Peter Alviti.

Absent: 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 10:00 a.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2020.**

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of February 19, 2020. Mr. Kells seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 2: **CEO Report.**

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on the monthly report, Coronavirus progress, service impacts, and diesel pricing.

Agenda Item 3: **Request for Approval of RFP 20-03, Renewable Energy Project.**

Christopher Durand, Director of Finance of RIPTA, Julian Dash of Clean Economy Development, and Christopher Kearns of the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, present a request for approval of RFP 20-03: Renewable Energy Project, to Kearsarge Energy.

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

Agenda Item 4: **Request for Approval of IFB 20-17, Printing Services.**

Michael McGrane, Contracts Manager of RIPTA, Roger Mencarini, Director of Procurement of RIPTA, and Mr. Durand present a request for approval of IFB 20-17: Printing Services, to Cogen's Inc. of Woonsocket, RI.

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

Agenda Item 5: Request for Approval of Policy Renewal.

James O'Brien, Director of Claims of RIPTA, Steven Colantuono, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, Mary Karn of Hanover Insurance Company, and AJ Rockwell of Hanover Insurance Company, present a request for approval of a Commercial Property Policy Renewal.

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

Agenda Item 6: Resolution setting forth plan for CARES Act funding.

Mr. Durand and Mr. Colantuono present a request for approval of Resolution setting forth plan for CARES Act funding.

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

Agenda Item 7: CARES Act Funding.

This agenda item was deferred.

Agenda Item 8: CARES Act Funding.

This agenda item was deferred.

Agenda Item 9: Line of Credit Authorization.

Mr. Durand presents a request for a Line of Credit Authorization.

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

Agenda Item 10: 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 Ms. Wilcox, which was seconded by Mr. Kells, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

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

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 11:27 a.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 12:26 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. Martin leaves the meeting.

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Mr. Kells seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Brumberger, Mr. Alviti, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 11: **Adjournment 12:31 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary