

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

Cisco WebEx Video Conference
Meeting number: 963 563 472
Minutes of Wednesday, May 20, 2020
1:30 p.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: 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 1:34 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2020.**

Ms. Martin makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of April 27, 2020. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Kells and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment.**

1. Patricia Raub: Thanks RIPTA drivers and staff. Transit Riders are here to help.

Agenda Item 3: **CEO Report.**

Mr. Avedisian provides updates on the monthly report, COVID-19, CARES Act, Line of Credit, and Employee Recognition.

Agenda Item 4: **Officer Elections.**

Ms. Martin moves to elect Normand Benoit as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Ms. Wilcox nominates Mr. Brumberger as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Brumberger nominates Ms. Martin as Secretary of the Board.

Mr. Benoit nominates Ms. Wilcox as Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Alviti moves that the slate of nominations be approved as presented. Ms. Martin seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Brumberger, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Approval of Policy Renewal.

Mr. Avedisian, James O'Brien, Director of Claims of RIPTA, and AJ Rockwell of Hanover Insurance Company, present a request for approval of a General Liability Policy Renewal.

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

Agenda Item 6: Code of Conduct Policy.

Mr. Avedisian and Steven Colantuono, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, present a request for approval of a Code of Conduct.

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

Agenda Item 7: Downtown Transit Connector Update.

Gregory Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement of RIPTA, presents an update of the Downtown Transit Connector.

Agenda Item 8: Net Metering Update.

Christopher Durand, Executive Director of Finance and Budget of RIPTA, presents an update on the Net Metering Project.

Agenda Item 9: Request for Approval of Resolution Relative to CARES Act Funding.

This agenda item was deferred.

Agenda Item 10: Request for Approval of Resolution Relative to CARES Act Funding.

This agenda item was deferred.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment 2:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary