

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cisco WebEx Video Conference
Minutes of Wednesday, September 30, 2020
1:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; 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 1:32 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Presentation on Multi Hub Proposal.

Mr. Avedisian presents an update on the Multi-Hub Proposal.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment.

1. Patricia Raub: Concerned with misleading Multi-Hub presentation and lack of public involvement.
2. Jane Arnold: Concerned with lack of public involvement and the need for shuttles between hubs.
3. Chris Sarli: Concerned with Multi-Hub planning and impacts on future transit growth.
4. Barry Schiller: Concerned with Multi-Hub proposal and recommends updating the Kennedy Plaza hub.
5. Nina Wolff Landau: Concerned with lack of public outreach and transfer analysis.
6. John Flaherty: Concerned with transfer analysis and lack of public outreach.
7. Liza Burkin: Concerned with plan to spend all funds in Providence, routing information, and construction timeline.
8. Sharon Steele: Concerned with new presentation, lack of outreach, and bond funds.
9. Jesse Morrow: Concerned with stakeholder engagement, usability, and travel time.
10. Lee Rodman: Concerned with rider engagement, transfer analysis, and construction timeline.
11. Zan Berry: Concerned with Multi-Hub project's impacts on students, safety, and lack of rider engagement.
12. Randall Rose: Concerned with lack of rider outreach, transfers, and impacts on transit system.
13. Susan Feeley: Concerned with safety at other Multi-Hub sites, transparency, and stakeholder engagement.

14. Jackson Cantrell: Concerned with Dyer Street location, and motive to move buses out of Kennedy Plaza.
15. Wendy Thomas: Opposes the Multi-Hub plan.

Agenda Item 4: CEO Report.

Mr. Avedisian provides clarification on the Chafee Project, and updates on the monthly report and financials, Operating Budget, Capital Budget, Personnel Supplement, and initiatives.

Agenda Item 5: Code of Conduct.

Steven Colantuono, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, presents a request for the approval of the updated Code of Conduct.

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

Agenda Item 6: FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Cheryl Langevin of Bacon & Company, and Paul Dilorio, Director of Accounting of RIPTA, present a request for approval of the FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

Agenda Item 7: Operating Budget – Fiscal Year 2021 Revised and Fiscal Year 2022.

Christopher Durand, Executive Director of Finance and Budget of RIPTA, presents a request for approval of the Operating Budget – Fiscal Year 2021 Revised and Fiscal Year 2022.

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

Agenda Item 8: Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2021 and FY 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

Christopher Durand, Executive Director of Finance and Budget of RIPTA, presents a request for approval of the Capital Budget – Fiscal Year 2021 and FY 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment 3:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary