



**Board of Directors
Cisco WebEx Video Conference
Minutes of Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Meeting
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Marcy Reyes; and Robert Kells.

Absent Members: Peter Alviti; and Jose Rosario.

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Courtney Marciano, Senior Executive Officer; Steven Colantuono, RIPTA Chief Legal Counsel; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Benoit called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m., indicating that quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Meeting Minutes of the December 15, 2021.**

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting. Ms. Wilcox seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Kells and Ms. Martin.

Ms. Reyes was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 4: **Request for Approval of Election of Board of Directors Vice-Chair**

Mr. Benoit presents Senator Kells' request to be elected for Board of Directors Vice-Chair.

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to approve. Ms. Martin seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Benoit and Ms. Reyes.

Ms. Reyes was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 5: **Request for Approval of 1-year Worker's Compensation Third Party Administrator Contract, with four annual options, to Beacon Mutual Insurance Company.**

Christopher Durand, Chief Financial Officer, presents the request.

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

Agenda Item 6: Request for Approval of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Expansion Project: Change Order Approval

Zachary Agush, Principal Planner, presents the request.

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

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment.

- 1) Patricia Raub, RI Transit Riders: announces and invites Board to Transit Equity Day on February 4th across the street from the State House. They will commemorate Rosa Parks (in remembrance of her birthday), as well as others who have played an integral part in transit equity. Announcing the building of transit bus hub across from the State House at the same time. There will be a speaking program to highlight transit equity. Additionally, the work that needs better promotion will be discussed.

Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

- Mr. Avedisian reviews the new format and layout of the updated CEO report. Topics included in his update were:
 1. RIPTA At a Glance
 2. RIPTA In The News
 3. Commendations
 4. Monthly Financials and Ridership

Agenda Item 6: 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) ... and to consider legal claims.

Upon motion by Mr. Kells, which was seconded by Ms. Reyes, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Wilcox and Ms. Martin.

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

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 2:24 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 03:03 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, except for the vote to adjourn executive session, sealed so as to not jeopardize any strategy or negotiation.

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

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment - 3:03 p.m.

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to adjourn. Ms. Martins seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Kells, Ms. Reyes, and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Martin, Secretary