



**Board of Directors
Board Room
269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI
Minutes of Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Meeting
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Robert Kells, Board Vice Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Heather Schey, James Leach and Patrick Crowley

Absent Members: Peter Alviti and Marcy Reyes

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, CEO; Edward Pare III, Esq. (for Christopher Fragomeni, Esq.), Board Counsel; Roy Rivers, Executive Paralegal; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Benoit called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., indicating that quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Meeting Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Meeting**

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. Mr. Kells seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Schey, Mr. Leach and Mr. Crowley.

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment**

Patricia Raub. Ms. Raub discussed the following:

- a. Welcoming new Board Members
- b. Congratulate the General Assembly on passing the legislation regarding the R Line.

Agenda Item 3: **CEO Report**

Mr. Avedisian updated the Board on the following:

1. In Line Charging
2. Hop on Hop Off Newport
3. Pawtucket Foundation Award
4. East Side Tunnel

5. RIMA's 25th Annual Breakfast and Meeting
6. In the News
7. Tweet
8. In the News
9. Employee Spotlight
10. Actual Budget
11. Monthly Ridership
12. On Time Performance
13. Cumulative Performance Review
14. Cumulative Performance Detail

Agenda Item 4: Request for Permission to Obligate Rescue Plan Funds

Chris Durand, Chief Financial Officer, presents the request.

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

Agenda Item 5: Request for permission to provide CEO with Authority to Renew Stop Loss Policy

Chris Durand, Chief Financial Officer, presents the request.

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

Agenda Item 6: Request for approval of an award of contract for Safety Vision of Houston to install a new Security Camera System in RIPTA's fleet of 2013 buses.

Jamie Pereira, Chief Security Officer presents the request.

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

Agenda Item 7: Request for approval of a Change Order regarding the CCRI Warwick Bus Hub

Greg Nordin, Chief of Strategic Advancement and James Canty, Executive Director of Project Management, present the request.

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

Agenda Item 8: **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) (5) and (7), including the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public and a matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest. Public funds shall include any investment plan or matter related thereto, including, but not limited to, state lottery plans for new promotions.**

Upon Motion by Ms. Wilcox, which was seconded by Mr. Crowley, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Kells, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Leach:

VOTED: To enter into 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) (5) and (7).

The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 2:32 p.m.

The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 02:51 p.m.

Attorney Pare reports that the Board of Directors convened in executive session and voted unanimously to seal the vote taken in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-4(b).

Board Member, Heather Schey left the meeting at 02:51 p.m.

Ms. Wilcox makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Mr. Kells seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Benoit, Mr. Leach and Mr. Crowley.

Agenda Item 9: **Adjournment – 2:53 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary