



Joint Pension Board
Wednesday, December 20, 2023
1:00 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

Members Present: Christopher Durand; Walter Melillo; Ramona Gonzalez by proxy for Kathy Nadeau; and Steven Sousa.

Absent Members: Norman Benoit, Lisa Hanson, and Kathy Nadeau (proxy given to Ramona Gonzalez)

Also Present: Scott Avedisian, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Maureen Ruzzano, Human Resource Chief Compliance Officer; Jamie Pereira, Chief of Security; and Roy Rivers, Executive Paralegal.

Call to order: Mr. Sousa called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Approval of November 29, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Durand makes a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023, meeting. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Sousa.

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item 3: **Approval of the 2024 Joint Pension Board Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the 2024 Joint Pension Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Durand seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Sousa.

Agenda Item 4: **Convene as Pension Benefit Sub-Committee**

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Taofiki Alabi, Bus Operator. Mr. Alabi requested his Early Pension become effective on December 1, 2023, in the amount of \$1,545.36 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the pension request. Mr. Durand seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Sousa.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for James McLeish, Former Bus Operator (deceased). His spouse, Sherri McLeish requested his Spousal Disability Pension become effective on December 1, 2023, in the amount of \$1,753.97 per month.

Mr. Durand makes a motion to approve the pension request. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Sousa.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for David Huot, Bus Operator. Mr. Huot requested his Late Pension become effective on January 1, 2024, in the amount of \$3,309.03 per month.

Ms. Gonzalez makes a motion to approve the pension request. Mr. Durand seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Melillo and Mr. Sousa.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Brenda Briere, Stockroom Clerk. Ms. Briere requested her Late Pension become effective on February 1, 2024, in the amount of \$3,467.00 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the pension request. Ms. Gonzalez seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Durand and Mr. Sousa.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Kathleen Ryan, Bus Operator. Ms. Ryan requested her Late Pension become effective on February 1, 2024, in the amount of \$917.81 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve the pension request. Mr. Durand seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Sousa.

Agenda Item 5: **Documents related to**
Empower Investment Management Services Contract

This item was held until the next meeting. No votes were taken.

Adjournment – 1:17 p.m.

Ms. Gonzalez makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Durand seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Melillo; and Mr. Sousa.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary