



Joint Pension Board
Thursday, April 24, 2025
1:00 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

Members Present: Steven Sousa, Chairperson; Kathy Nadeau; Nathan Watchous; Walter Melillo, Normand Benoit and Maureen Alexander.

Absent Members: None

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Ed Pare, Esq., Board Counsel; Steven Colantuono, Esq; Maureen Ruzzano, HR Chief Compliance Officer; Jacqueline Weidinger, Administrative Assistant-Executive Office; and RIPTA staff.

Call to order: Mr. Sousa calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Approval of March 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025, meeting. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Nadeau, Mr. Sousa, Mr. Watchous and Ms. Alexander.

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment**

Member Of Public: Mikeda Barnes

Comment: Ms. Barnes provides her concerns regarding the denial of her Disability Pension, her termination, Workers' Compensation claim and various other claims.

Agenda Item 3: **Convene as Pension Benefit Subcommittee**
 Consideration Of Benefit Requests for Local 618 & 618A Employees

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Mr. John Freeman – Utility Worker – Former Employee. Mr. Freeman requested his late pension benefits become effective on February 1, 2025, in the amount of \$746.50 per month.

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to approve. Ms. Nadeau seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Watchous, Mr. Sousa, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Alexander.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Nancy McMullen-Ferrara - Director Of Application Development - Active Employee. Ms. McMullen-Ferrara requested her late pension benefits become effective on May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$966.85 per month.

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to approve. Mr. Benoit seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Melillo, Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander and Mr. Sousa.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Robert Willcutt - Utility Worker - Active Employee. Mr. Willcutt requested his late pension benefits to become effective on May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$3156.78 per month.

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to approve. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Sousa, Mr. Watchous and Ms. Alexander.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the late pension application for Mary Hathaway – Van Operator - Active Employee. Ms. Hathaway requested his late pension benefits become effective on June 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1293.85 per month.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve. Mr. Watchous seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Sousa, Mr. Melillo, Ms. Nadeau and Ms. Alexander.

Agenda Item 4:

Adjournment 1:12 p.m.

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Benoit seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Sousa, Mr. Melillo, Mr. Watchous and Ms. Alexander.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary