



Joint Pension Board
Thursday, January 23, 2025
1:00 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

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

Absent Members: None

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Chris Fragomeni, 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. Benoit calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Approval of November 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, meeting. Mr. Sousa seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander and Mr. Melillo.

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment**

None.

Agenda Item 3: **To consider for approval the 2025 Joint Pension Board Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to approve the 2025 Joint Pension Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Sousa seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Melillo, Mr. Watchous and Ms. Alexander.

Agenda Item 4: To consider for approval the Election of the Joint Pension Board Chairperson

Mr. Melillo makes a motion to nominate Mr. Sousa for Joint Pension Board Chairperson. Ms. Alexander seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Nadeau, Mr. Sousa, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Watchous.

**Agenda Item 5: Convene as Pension Benefit Subcommittee
Consideration Of Benefit Requests for Local 618 & 618A Employees**

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Ms. Marilyn Enright (former spouse of RIPTA retiree Cornelius Enright), Action pursuant to Qualified Domestic Relations Order. Ms. Enright requested her late pension benefits become effective on May 1, 2012, in the amount of \$799.90 per month.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to table the vote pending further review of all documentation. Mr. Sousa seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Melillo, Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander and Ms. Nadeau.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for John Porter, former Van Operator. Mr. Porter requested his late pension benefits become effective on December 1, 2024, in the amount of \$752.85 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Eileen Hadaya, former Bus Operator. Ms. Hadaya requested her late pension benefits become effective on January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1,305.80 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 pension application for David Joseph, former Lead Street Supervisor. Mr. Joseph requested his late pension benefits become effective on February 1, 2025, in the amount of \$5,833.01 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Joseph McGovern, former Street Supervisor. Mr. McGovern requested his late pension benefits become effective on February 1, 2025, in the amount of \$5,330.13 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for M Leonel Novas, former Utility Worker. Mr. Novas requests his late pension benefits become effective February 1, 2025, in the amount of \$896.23.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to table this item as it was not included on the agenda, Mr. Sousa seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Melillo and Ms. Nadeau.

Agenda Item 6: **Adjournment 1:18 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary