



Joint Pension Board
Thursday, March 27, 2025
1:00 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

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

Absent Members: Kathy Nadeau

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

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

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

Agenda Item 2: **Public Comment**

None.

Agenda Item 3: **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 April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$799.90 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Ellen Mandly, Confidential Executive Assistant- Former Employee. Ms. Mandly requested her pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1114.16 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Mayra Erklauer, Van Operator - Active Employee. Ms. Erklauer requested her late pension benefits to become effective on April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$714.21 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the late pension application for Luis Medeiros, Mechanic- Active Employee. Mr. Medeiros requested his late pension benefits become effective on April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$7907.75 per month.

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

Agenda Item 4: **Board Discussion / Approval**
Deceased Recipient Process

Ms. Ruzzano explains the termination of pension payments for employees who are deceased.

No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 5: **Adjournment 1:10 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary