



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025

1:30 p.m.

**269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room**

Members Present: Director Peter Alviti, Board Chair; James Leach, Board Treasurer; Patrick Crowley, Board Secretary; Normand Benoit; Vincent Masino; Heather Schey; and James Lombardi.

Absent Members: Board Vice Chair, Robert Kells; and Marcy Reyes.

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Jacqueline Weidinger, Administrative Assistant-Executive Office; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Director Alviti calls the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., indicating that quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 24, 2025.**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025, meeting. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Schey, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Leach, Mr. Lombardi, and Director Alviti.

Agenda Item 2: **To consider for approval the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 24, 2025.**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 24, 2025, meeting. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Schey, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Leach, Mr. Lombardi, and Director Alviti.

Agenda Item 3: **Public Comment**

1. Daria Phoebe Brashear – Edgewood Resident
States that the number one priority is keeping current service levels and helping RIPTA to expand service.

2. Dylan Giles – Save RIPTA
States that service cuts would be devastating and implores the Board to fight for the agency.
3. Liza Burkin – Providence Streets Coalition
Advises that she went to the hearing last night and there were 30 speakers and 182 pieces of written testimony. States that it was helpful to see public support and that RIPTA cannot afford the status quo.
4. Teresa Tanzi, State Representative, District 34
States she is shocked that there was no presence of RIPTA at the hearing last night. She asks the Board if they are on board with the funding bills. Advises that RIPTA needs a sustained funding source and needs funding, not an efficiency study.
5. Randall Rose
Advises of the status of Bill 6096 which terminates funding for Next Wave. States that Board Members need to speak to the General Assembly about funding for RIPTA.

Agenda Item 4: **CEO Report**

Christopher Durand, RIPTA's CEO, provides updates regarding ridership, on time performance, and bus stop improvements. No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 5: **Budget Update / Efficiency Study**

Christopher Durand provides an update to the Board regarding the Budget and the status of the Efficiency Study. No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 6: **Ride Anywhere Pilot Study**

Christopher Durand presents the results of the Ride Anywhere Pilot Study. No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 7: **Request for Approval – Award of Contract – Construction Contract to Install Shelters on the Transit Emphasis Corridor in Pawtucket**

Matthew Quider, Project Manager, makes the request.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve. Mr. Crowley seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, Mr. Masino, and Director Alvit.

Agenda Item 8: **Board Questions and Answers**

Matthew Quider provides the Board with an update as to the status of the new Pawtucket Central Falls Transit Center. No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 9: **Adjournment – 2:24pm**

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Benoit seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, Mr. Masino, and Director Alviti.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Crowley, Secretary