



Joint Pension Board
Thursday, June 26, 2025
1:30 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

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

Absent Members: Maureen Alexander

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Maureen Ruzzano, HR Chief Compliance Officer; Roy Rivers, Executive Paralegal; and RIPTA staff.

Call to order: Mr. Sousa calls the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Approval of May 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting. Mr. Watchous seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Sousa, Mr. Melillo and Ms. Nadeau.

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 Susan Costa – Bus Operator – Former Employee. Ms. Costa requested her early pension benefits become effective on June 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1,089.88 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Denis Bailey – Bus Operator – Active Employee. Mr. Bailey requested his late pension benefits become effective on July 1, 2025, in the amount of \$2,461.85 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Anita Cornwell -Bus Operator- Active Employee. Ms. Cornwell requested her late pension benefits become effective on August 1, 2025, in the amount of \$4,172.57 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Francisco Moniz – Mechanic - Active Employee. Mr. Moniz requested his early pension benefits become effective on September 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1,532.30 per month.

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

Agenda Item 4:

Executive Session

Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

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

The Joint Pension Board enters into Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

The Board and Counsel enter into Executive Session at 1:41pm.

The Board and Counsel enter public session at 2:07pm.

Attorney Fragomeni reports that only one vote was taken during Executive Session, a vote to adjourn Executive Session.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. Melillo seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Watchous, Mr. Sousa, and Ms. Nadeau.

Agenda Item 5:

Adjournment 2:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary