



**Joint Pension Board**  
**Thursday, August 28, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**269 Melrose Street, Providence**  
**Transportation Board Room**

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

**Absent Members:** None

**Also Present:** Christopher Durand, CEO; Edward Pare, III 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 1:00 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Mr. Sousa announces that Agenda Item # 3, Public Comment, will be moved to the end of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 1:**        **Approval of June 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2025, meeting. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Sousa, Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander and Ms. Nadeau.

**Agenda Item 2:**        **Approval of June 26, 2025, Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the minutes of executive session of the June 26, 2025, meeting. Mr. Melillo seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Sousa, Mr. Watchous, Ms. Alexander and Ms. Nadeau.

**Agenda Item 4:**        **Convene as Pension Benefit Subcommittee**  
**Consideration Of Benefit Requests for Local 618 & 618A Employees**

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Kathy Nadeau – Chief of Human Resources – Current Employee. Ms. Nadeau requested her late pension benefits become effective on September 1, 2025, in the amount of \$3,049.50 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. Ms. Nadeau recuses herself from the vote.

Senator Frank Ciccone presents Ms. Nadeau with a Senate Citation.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Mary Velez – Bus Operator – Active Employee. Ms. Velez requested her early pension benefits become effective on July 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1,434.30 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Anthony Williams - Bus Operator - Deceased Employee. Mrs. Christine Williams requested the pension benefits become effective on September 1, 2025, in the amount of \$455.88 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for David Lemire – Bus Operator - Active Employee. Mr. Lemire requested his late pension benefits become effective on September 1, 2025, in the amount of \$3,246.89 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for William Rainville – Lead Mechanical Foreman – Active Employee. Mr. Rainville requested his late pension benefits become effective on September 1, 2025, in the amount of \$5,865.65 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Lynn Henderson – Stockroom Worker – Active Employee. Ms. Henderson requested her late pension benefits become effective on October 1, 2025, in the amount of \$3,553.49 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Dawn Beaulieu - Paratransit Coordinator - Active Employee. Ms. Beaulieu requested her late pension benefits become effective on November 1, 2025, in the amount of \$936.74 per month.

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

**Agenda Item 3:**        **Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item 5:**        **Adjournment 1:13 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary