

**RIPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Transportation Conference Room**

**269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI 02907**

**AGENDA**

1. Board Approval: To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019 and the Draft Executive Session Minutes of August 27, 2019.
2. Public Comment: Limited to 3 minutes per person (sign-up sheet will be provided).
3. CEO Report:
  - Monthly Update
  - Kennedy Plaza, Garrahy, Train Station
  - Investment Update – November meeting
4. Board Discussion/ Update: Transit Mater Plan Update
5. Board Discussion/ Update: Downtown Transit Connector (DTC) Progress
6. Board Discussion/ Potential Vote: Planning Department's Request for Approval of the Fare Structure
7. 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(a)(2) regarding litigation and collective bargaining.\*
8. Adjournment

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\*Board Members may convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss this Agenda item.

By a majority vote, a public body may amend its agenda to add items. The additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except when necessary to address an unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-6(b).

Copies of Meeting Minutes may be obtained pursuant to RIPTA's public records policy, which is available at <http://www.ripta.com/access-to-public-records-act>. An interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing can be provided by calling 784-9500 x1171 at least 48 hours in advance. The location is accessible to the handicapped.

**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Transportation Conference Room  
269 Melrose Street, Providence  
Minutes of Monday, October 21, 2019  
1:33 p.m.

**Board Members**

**Present:** Normand Benoit, Board Chair; Joshua Brumberger, Board Vice Chair; Michelle Wilcox, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Robert Kells; and Peter Alviti.

**Absent:** Stephanie Ogidan Preston; and Jose Rosario.

**Also Present:** Scott Avedisian, Chief Executive Officer; Christopher Fragomeni, Board Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Executive Assistant; members of RIPTA's staff; and members of the public.

**Agenda Item 1: To Consider for Approval the Draft Public Session Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019.**

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the draft public session meeting minutes of September 27, 2019. Mr. Brumberger seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Wilcox, Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 2: Public Comment.**

1. Don Rhodes: Concerns with revenue, interior cleanliness, and opportunities for interior advertising.
2. Randall Rose: Concerns with use of bond funds to disburse buses from central hub, and security improvements.

**Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.**

Mr. Avedisian provides an update on the monthly report, Kennedy Plaza, Garrahy, the train station, and the upcoming investment update in November.

**Agenda Item 4: Transit Master Plan Update.**

Sarah Ingle, Director of Long Range Planning of RIPTA, presents an update on the Transit Master Plan.

**Agenda Item 5: Downtown Transit Connector (DTC) Progress.**

Gregory Nordin, Executive Director of Planning of RIPTA, presents an update on the progress of the Downtown Transit Connector.

**Agenda Item 6: Planning Department's Request for Approval of the Fare Structure.**

Mr. Nordin presents a request for approval of the proposed fare structure.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the fee application, with the option of revisiting the possibility of a charge in the future. Ms. Wilcox seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 7: 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(a)(2) regarding litigation and collective bargaining.\***

Upon motion by Mr. Brumberger, which was seconded by Mr. Alviti, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Wilcox, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

**Voted:** To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss litigation and collective bargaining.

**The Board, staff, and counsel entered into executive session at 02:51 p.m.**

**The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 03:31 p.m.**

Attorney Fragomeni reports out that pursuant to R.I. Gen. laws § 42-46-4(b), the Board unanimously voted to keep all votes taken in Executive Session sealed so as to not jeopardize any strategy or negotiation.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Ms. Wilcox seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, Mr. Brumberger, and Mr. Benoit.

**Agenda Item 8: Adjournment 03:32 p.m.**

Mr. Alviti moves to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms., Wilcox, Ms. Martin, Mr. Kells, and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Martin, Secretary