# RIPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Transportation Conference Room 269 Melrose Street, Providence

# **AGENDA**

1.	Board Approval:	To Consider for Approval the Draft Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018, and March 19, 2018, and the Draft Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2018.*
2.	Public Comment:	Limited to 3 minutes per person (sign-up sheet will be provided).
3.	CEO Report:	Discussion:  • KPI Update  • Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council Minutes  • Capital Projects Update  • Green Fleet Update  • JPB Portfolio Management Services
4.	Chairman's Report: Board Discussion / Potential Vote(s):	Discussion:  • Status of CEO search  • Discussion of process  • Discussion of alternatives to current process  • Identification and discussion regarding potential candidates  • Discussion and potential votes concerning selection of CEO
5.	Board Discussion / Potential Vote(s):	Consideration of Approval for Procurement Department's Request: Transit Buses from Gillig, LLC
6.	Board Discussion / Update:	Presentation from Finance Department: Quarterly Report
7.	Board Discussion / Update:	Fare Technology Project Update
8.	Board Discussion / Update:	RIde Program KPI and ABBG Report
9.	Board Discussion / Potential Vote(s):	Draft Code of Conduct for Passengers and Patrons

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#### RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Minutes of Wednesday, April 25, 2018

**Board Members** 

**Present:** Wayne Kezirian, Board Chair; Stephanie Ogidan Preston, Board Vice

Chair; Karen A. Santilli, Board Treasurer; Maureen Martin, Board Secretary; Peter Alviti; Princess Sirleaf Bomba; Mark Susa; and Joshua Brumberger

**Absent**: None.

**Also Present:** Amy Pettine, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Attorney Girard Visconti, Board

Counsel; Elizabeth Silvestre, Confidential Executive Assistant; members of

RIPTA's staff; and members of the public

# **Agenda Item 1**: Approval of the Minutes from February 21, 2018 and March 19, 2018.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Martin seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Santilli, Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Santilli seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

# **Agenda Item 2**: Public Comment

Don Rhodes: Expresses support for Scott Avedisian's appointment and commends Amy.
 Tom Cute: Commends Amy, and expresses concern over the passenger code of conduct.

# Agenda Item 3: CEO Report.

Ms. Pettine provides KPI updates and discusses Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council meetings, Capital Projects, and the Green Fleet project. Ms. DiLauro, Director of Finance of RIPTA, discusses the Joint Pension Board portfolio management services.

#### **Agenda Item 4:** Chairman's Report.

Mr. Kezirian discusses the status, process and alternatives of the CEO search.

Ms. Martin makes a motion to offer the Chief Executive Officer position to Scott Avedisian.

Ms. Bomba seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Santilli,

Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

# <u>Agenda Item 5</u>: Consideration of Approval for Procurement Department's Request: Transit Buses from Gillig, LLC.

Michael McGrane, Contract Manager of RIPTA, and Joseph Monti Assistant Superintendent of maintenance of RIPTA, present a request to approve the purchase of transit buses from Gillig, LLC.

Ms. Bomba makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Martin seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Santilli, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

#### **Agenda Item 6:** Presentation from Finance Department: Quarterly Report.

Karen DiLauro, Director of Finance of RIPTA, presents the Quarterly Report.

## **Agenda Item 7:** Fare Technology Project Update.

Gregory Nordin, Interim Director of Planning of RIPTA, and Barbara Polichetti, Director of Public Affairs of RIPTA, present an update on the progress of the Fare Technology project, and next steps.

# **Agenda Item 8:** RIde Program KPI and ABBG Report.

Mark Therrien, Director of Paratransit Service of RIPTA, and Brooks Almonte, Paratransit Superintendent of RIPTA, present an update on RIde program KPIs and the American Bus Benchmarking Group Report.

# **Agenda Item 9**: Draft Code of Conduct for Passengers and Patrons.

Board decides to hold item for future discussion.

# **Agenda Item 10**: Consideration of Approval: Retention of Outside Legal Counsel.

Benjamin Salzillo, Chief Legal Counsel of RIPTA, presents a request to approve the retention of an outside legal counsel.

Mr. Alviti makes a motion to approve the request. Ms. Preston seconds and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger and Mr. Kezirian.

#### Agenda Item 11:

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 Ms. Martin, which was seconded by Ms. Santilli, the following vote was adopted and passed with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa, Mr. Brumberger, Mr. Alviti, and Mr. Kezirian.

**Voted:** To convene the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws section §42-46-5(a)(2).

#### The Board, staff, and counsel thereafter convened into executive session at 3:14 p.m.

# The Board, staff, and counsel entered public session at 04:01 p.m.

Attorney Visconti 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. Mr. Brumberger seconds, and it passes with favorable votes by Ms. Preston, Ms. Martin, Ms. Santilli, Ms. Bomba, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

#### Agenda Item 12: Adjournment 04:03 p.m.

Mr. Brumberger moves to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bomba seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Ms. Martin, Ms. Preston, Ms. Santilli, Mr. Alviti, Mr. Susa and Mr. Kezirian.

Respectfully submitted,		
Maureen Martin, Secretary	_	

10. Board Discussion / Potential Vote(s):

Consideration for Approval: Retention of Outside Legal Counsel

11. Executive Session:

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12. Adjournment

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