



**Joint Pension Board**  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**269 Melrose Street, Providence**  
**Transportation Board Room**

**Members Present:** Norman Benoit, Chairperson; Steven Sousa; Kathy Nadeau; Lisa Hanson; and Nathan Watchous.

**Absent Members:** Walter Melillo

**Also Present:** Christopher Durand, Interim CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Maureen Ruzzano, Human Resource Chief Compliance Officer; and Roy Rivers, Executive Paralegal.

**Call to order:** Mr. Benoit calls the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item 1:**        **Approval of May 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nadeau makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, meeting. Mr. Sousa seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Ms. Hanson and Mr. Watchous.

**Agenda Item 2:**        **Public Comment**

Thomas Cute            Mr. Cute offers congratulations to all the retiring employees. He mentions the Farrel Family has almost 100 years of service to RIPTA, beginning with Stephen Farrel's grandfather. Mr. Cute states that Stephen Farrel was a vital part of RIPTA as both an operator and former business agent.

**Agenda Item 3:**        **Convene as Pension Benefit Sub-Committee**

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Lori Richards, Former Street Supervisor. Ms. Richards requested her early pension benefits become effective on July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$1,766.91 per month.

Mr. Watchous makes a motion to approve the pension request. Ms. Nadeau seconds,

and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Benoit, Mr. Sousa and Ms. Hanson.

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Terrance Farrell, Street Supervisor. Mr. Farrell requested his late pension benefits become effective on July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$7,564.01 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Ruth Sullivan, Bus Operator. Ms. Sullivan requested her late pension benefits become effective on July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$2,516.67 per month.

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

- Ms. Ruzzano presents the pension application for Stephen Farrell, Bus Operator. Ms. Ruzzano reports that Mr. Farrell requested that this Agenda Item be continued to next month's meeting. The Board agrees and no vote is taken.

**Agenda Item 4:      Adjournment 1:09 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Nadeau, Recording Secretary