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## WRTA SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2018 MINUTES

### WRTA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Lehtola called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Advisory Board Members present: Mark Binnall – Auburn, Kristen Las – Shrewsbury, Barbara Connelly – Grafton, Candria Gray – Worcester Rider Community, Michael Suprenant – Sturbridge, Brian Bullock – Holden, Doug Belanger – Leicester, Jacob Sanders – Worcester, Robert Spain – Millbury, William Lehtola – Spencer. *Ron San Angelo – Southbridge, entered at 8:45 a.m., Michael Ward – Clinton entered at 8:55 a.m.*

Chairperson Lehtola announced that the sole purpose of the Special Advisory Board Meeting was to interview and give consideration of the candidate recommended by Personnel Committee.

a. *Interview and give Consideration of candidate recommended by the Personnel Committee*

Chairperson Lehtola introduced Mr. Moulton to the board members. Chairperson Lehtola reviewed the protocol regarding the asking of interview questions. Twelve preselected questions were asked and board members were advised they could ask questions and /or follow up questions. Mr. Moulton left the board meeting at about 10:00 a.m.

b. *May vote to appoint candidate as Administrator*

Board members individually gave their opinion on Mr. Moulton’s professional background and the general consensus was favorable. General opinion was favorable on the basis of his transit experience, committee experiences, solid references, overall presentation while being interviewed and what was referred to as his “drive and determination” concerning his professional and employment history. Jacob Sanders commented on how the Personnel Committee voted 5-0 in favor of the recommendation of Mr. James Moulton to the full board as a candidate for consideration. A brief discussion was held about the size of the transit organization related to Mr. Moulton’s professional experience vs. the size of the WRTA.

### ***Communities Served:***

Auburn	Brimfield	Douglas	Grafton	Millbury	North	Paxton	Southbridge	Wales	West Boylston
Barre	Brookfield	Dudley	Holden	New Braintree	Brookfield	Princeton	Spencer	Warren	West
Berlin	Charlton	East	Holland	Northborough	Oakham	Rutland	Sturbridge	Webster	Brookfield
Boylston	Clinton	Brookfield	Leicester	Northbridge	Oxford	Shrewsbury	Sutton	Westborough	Worcester

- c. If an appointment is advanced to recommend that the negotiation's Committee moves forward on negotiating a contract.

Chairperson Lehtola informed the board of the protocol for negotiations and announced that Jacob Sanders, Doug Belanger, and Kristen Las would be negotiating the contract.

Chairperson Lehtola asked for a vote to appoint Mr. Moulton subject to negotiations and all legal requirements including physical and Cori check(s), as Administrator.

**Motion:** The Worcester Regional Transit Authority's Advisory Board appoints Mr. Moulton, subject to successful contract negotiations and all legal requirements including physical and Cori Check(s), as Administrator.

On motion by Doug Belanger, seconded by Mark Binnall, the Advisory Board members took a roll call vote to approve this action at 10:15 a.m., and carried unanimously.

Mark Binnall	yes
Michael Ward	yes
Kristen Las	yes
Barbara Connelly	yes
Candria Gray	yes
Brian Bullock	yes
Michael Suprenant	yes
Ron San Angelo	yes
Doug Belanger	yes
Jacob Sanders	yes
Robert Spain	yes
Bill Lehtola	yes

Doug Belanger acknowledged the exceptional work being done by Mr. Lipka in his position as Interim Administrator. Doug Belanger informed the board members that he has gone above and beyond in his duties as the Interim Administrator.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lehtola asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion by Ron San Angelo, seconded by Mark Binnall, the Special Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. and the vote was carried.