



**Worcester Regional Transit Authority  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2023**

**Vice-Chairperson Belanger called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.**

AB MEMBERS ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE

Present by Zoom webinar: Mark Binnall – Auburn, Hollie Lucht – Shrewsbury, Robert Spain – Millbury, Douglas Belanger – Leicester, Brian Bullock – Holden, Robin Grimm – Sturbridge, Jasmin Rivas – Southbridge Alt, Shannon Smith – Grafton, Laura Wilson- Oxford, Michael Ward – Clinton, Brian Pigeon – Worcester Alt.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OUT OF ORDER

**Motion: To accept the minutes for June 22, 2023 & June 30, 2023**

**By: Robert Spain. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Bullock. Vote: All in Favor (10 in favor 0 opposed) vote passed.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Doug Belanger thanked the committee members by name and the staff for their participation in the process of hiring a new administrator. As directed by the Chair Gary Rosen the Personnel Committee negotiated a contract for Joshua Rickman with a start date of August 21, 2023. Doug Belanger opened for discussion and no discussion occurred. Doug Belanger asked for a motion to ratify the contract as presented to the board for Joshua Rickman with an effective date of August 21, 2023.

Motion: I move that the WRTA Advisory Board votes to ratify the contract for Joshua Rickman as the Administrator with a start date of August 21, 2023 as presented by the Personnel Committee.

**By: Brian Bullock. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Binnall. Vote by roll call: (10 in favor 0 opposed) vote passed.**

- Brian Pigeon                    yes
- Douglas Belanger            yes
- Brian Bullock                 yes
- Mark Binnall                 yes
- Robin Grimm                 yes
- Robert Spain                 yes
- Hollie Lucht                 yes
- Shannon Smith               yes
- Laura Wilson                 yes
- Jasmin Rivas                 yes

The WRTA Advisory board voted to ratify the contract for Joshua Rickman.

Vice-Chair Belanger introduced Dennis Lipka who introduced Joshua Rickman. Joshua Rickman thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. Joshua Rickman stated his start date as August 21, 2023.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW WEBPAGE -Postponed until further notice

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn at 8:27 a.m.

By: Robert Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Binnall

Vote: All in favor (10 in favor 0 opposed)

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next WRTA Advisory Board Meeting will be on August 24, 2023 at 8:15 a.m., via hybrid teleconference due to the Governor’s State of Emergency provisions for public meetings extended.

Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth R Pokoly

**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