

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Board of Port Authority of Allegheny County was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Authority's Administration Offices, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527, pursuant to due public notice given as required by law.

Board Members:

Robert Hurley, Chair
Jeff Letwin
Rob Vescio
Michelle Zmijanac
Senator Jim Brewster
Representative Dom Costa
Rob Kania
Constance Parker (via phone)
John Tague (via phone)
Joel Lennen, General Counsel

Media:

Ed Blazina, Post-Gazette
Rick Dayton, KDKA
Dave Coladine, KDKA
Theresa Clift, Tribune Review

Port Authority Staff:

Ellen McLean, chief executive officer, Bill Miller, chief operations officer, Jim Ritchie, Communications officer, Pete Schenk, chief financial officer, Keith Wargo, assistant general manager Engineering and Technical Support, Barry Adams, assistant general manager Human Resources, Mike Cetra, Assistant general manager Legal and Corporate Services, Dan DeBone, Community and Government Relations officer, Adam Brandolph, Public Relations representative, John Beeler, manager Customer Service, Diane Williamson, executive assistant.

Other

Steve Palonis, ATU, Local 85, Jeff DiPerna, ATU Local 85, Sam DiNardo, ATU Local 85, Mike Palombo, labor counsel, Liz Reid, WESA, Justin Bhagat, HDR Engineering.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Following recital of the pledge of allegiance, Mr. Hurley called on Ms. Ellen McLean for a report.

Ms. McLean presented a resolution requesting the Authority to approve and ratify the proposed terms and conditions of the new Collective Bargaining Agreements between Port Authority of Allegheny County and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 85.

Ms. McLean reported that the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Port Authority of Allegheny County and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 85, covering terms and conditions of employment for rank-and-file employees and first-level supervisors, expired on June 30, 2016.

Over the past several months, management of the Authority and leadership of Local 85 have been engaged in ongoing and intensive discussions and negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of new Agreements. Following the October 26, 2016 issuance of a report and recommendations issued by a fact finder appointed by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, which was subsequently rejected by the Executive Board of Local 85, the Authority and leadership of Local 85

re-engaged in negotiations and these efforts have resulted in the proposed terms and conditions of the Agreements contained in the Term Sheets as Exhibit A to the resolution for rank-and-file employees and Exhibit B to the resolution for first-level supervisors.

Ms. McLean announced that the terms and conditions of the Agreements were approved and ratified by the members of Local 85 on Sunday, December 18.

She continued reporting that the Agreements are for four years each, include fair and equitable wage increases and tackle the rising costs of healthcare as well as safeguarding the funding status of the ATU pension fund which as of the last actuarial valuation covers 82 percent of the obligations.

Ms. McLean stated that this could not have been accomplished without the strong and dedicated leadership of ATU, Local 85. As union representatives on the Labor Management Committee on Healthcare, Union President, Steve Palonis and Financial Secretary, Sam DiNardo, worked long hours as we tackled the critical issues surrounding healthcare and its rising costs. It is the savings we achieved together that support the economics of these Agreements. Most importantly, these Agreements further secure transit service for the riders of Allegheny County and enables Port Authority to further improve the service and amenities our riders deserve.

Ms. McLean thanked the Union leadership and their membership for their ratification and believes that we got here together.

Ms. Mclean respectfully requested that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

A motion was moved and seconded. Before requesting a voice vote, the Chairman noted for the record, that there were two members, Mr. John Tague and Ms. Constance Parker, on the phone. The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution and approve and ratify the proposed terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements between Port Authority of Allegheny County and Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 85 on Port Authority's behalf.

On behalf of the Board, the citizens of Allegheny County, corporations and institutions who depend on the service we provide, Mr. Hurley thanked our administrative staff who has done a great job keeping this agency financially solid over the last contract, and commended the Union team who worked so hard to make this happen. He stated that it is a great service to the region.

There was no further business to conduct.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Friday, January 27, 2017

The meeting was adjourned.