

**BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING NOTES
Thursday, April 22, 2014/5:00 p.m.
1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA**

Called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

1. Convene/Roll Call – MATT WATKINS, BOB OLSON, JEROME DELVIN, BOB KOCH, RICHARD BLOOM, LISA STADE, NORMA NELSON

CHAIRMAN WATKINS stated that we have a quorum for the Board of Directors - thank you to everyone for coming out for this Special Meeting.

Staff: Ed Frost, Lisa Hamilton, Patrick R. Roach, Legal Counsel
Guest: Dan Sandmeier, Jeff Hill, Aaron Deaver

Executive Session – CHAIRMAN WATKINS stated that Executive Session is present on the agenda but does not necessarily mean that the session will occur. It is on the agenda if necessary.

CHAIRMAN WATKINS called on Patrick Roach, legal Counsel, to explain the contract between Dennis Solensky and Ben Franklin Transit.

Pat Roach, legal counsel, stated that the negotiated salary for Mr. Solensky is \$140,000.00 a year. The Board had authorized moving expenses which covers everything involved with the move. The negotiated relocation package is \$30,000.00 with a \$5,000.00 increase with documented cost over and above the initial \$30,000. Pat Roach also noted that Mr. Solensky would have to come back to the board if he wants the additional monies. Mr. Roach informed the Board that because of calendar issues, Mr. Solensky will start to work May 6, 2014 instead of May 5th. Mr. Solensky has been offered the use of a company automobile or a \$350.00 a month vehicle allowance. Pat Roach stated that he had presented these items to the Administration and Finance Committee and they were in agreement.

CHAIRMAN WATKINS noted that there was not only the contract but a letter that needed to be adopted as a supplement to the contract. CHAIRMAN WATKINS

continued on to say he felt it was a fair contract and, if adopted, he would call Mr. Solensky tonight and look forward to him coming on board May 6th.

Pat Roach, legal counsel, stated that he had had a number of telephone conversations with DENNIS SOLENSKY and that Mr. Solensky was remarkably gentle on the phone and a good negotiator. DENNIS SOLENSKY was very happy with the Board and the negotiation process and thanked the Board.

ACTION: BOB OLSON moved and RICHARD BLOOM seconded Resolution 25-2014 to ratify the contract between BFT and DENNIS SOLENSKY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN WATKINS went on to present the letter written to DENNIS SOLENSKY that included supplemental information to the contract and noted that it needed to be signed and sent if approved.

ACTION: RICHARD BLOOM moved and BOB OLSON seconded to sign and send the letter as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN WATKINS stated that he will call MR. SOLENSKY and welcome him aboard. He also wanted to thank Ed Frost, interim General Manager, for coming back at a very important time for BFT to lend his expertise in the process and thinks it's phenomenal. There was a nice round of applause for Mr. Frost.

Special Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Hamilton, Interim Exec. Secretary/Clerk of the Board
April 30, 2014