

**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES**

DATE: September 20, 2023

TIME: 6:30 p.m. (or immediately following SCTA Board Meeting)

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting (Lancaster)

PURPOSE: Special Public Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Members: Gail Landis, Jessica Jones, Ineavelle Ruiz, and James Schlegel.  
Solicitor: Jill Nagy, Summers Nagy Law Offices  
Staff: Gregory Downing, Laura Hopko, Keith Boatman, and Paola Peguero  
Guests: June Wolf, Cheryl Love, Jeffrey Ouellet, and Bonnie Glover.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

Chairman James Schlegel called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

2. Changes to Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Approval of Minutes from Special Public Board Meeting on February 15, 2023.

Upon motion by Ms. Landis, seconded by Ms. Ruiz, the Board approved the minutes from the Special Public Board Meeting.

5. Old Business

None.

6. New Business

**A. Approval of Agreement with ATU Local 1345**

A tentative agreement has been reached with ATU Local 1345 for a four (4) year contract beginning July 1, 2023. The contract includes a wage increase of 5% for the first year, 4% for the second year, 4% the second year, and 3% the fourth year. A summary of the contract was attached for review. The union is expected to ratify the tentative agreement on Monday, September 24, 2023.

Upon motion by Ms. Ruiz, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board approved Agreement with ATU Local 1345

**B. Budget Presentation for BARTA Pension Plan**

Act 205 requires that a calendar year budget for the Authority's pension plan be submitted to the Board of Directors by September 30, 2023. No official action is needed by the Board. The budgeted amounts are submitted to you for informational purposes only. BARTA Union Employees Pension Plan MMO is \$649,579 for calendar year 2024.

No action was required at this meeting.

5. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Landis, seconded by Ms. Ruiz.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Landis  
Secretary