

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority  
Minutes of the Finance/Audit Committee

March 4, 2015  
2 PM  
BRTA Intermodal Transportation Center  
One Columbus Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201

MINUTES

**Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Finance/Audit Committee Members present:**  
Sandra Lamb, North Adams; Peter Gallant, Lanesborough; Leonard Lipton, Pittsfield

Also present: Robert Malnati – BRTA staff

**1. Minutes**

Ms. Lamb made the motion to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting, was seconded by Mr. Lipton and approved by all.

**2. State Budget**

Mr. Malnati updated the committee on recent budget discussions including \$40 M line item for the RTAs with nothing specified in the DOT line item. The RTA caucus is looking for a dedicated RTA line item for \$80 – \$82M, funding flat or 2.5% increase.

**3. HST Update**

Mr. Malnati provided an update to the HST protest filed by BCAC including BRTA's written response denying their protest. The legal firm of Kopelman and Paige assisted BRTA with this issue.

**4. VTCLI Update**

Mr. Malnati provided information on the formal opening of the call center scheduled for Friday March 6, 2015.

**5. RFP Update**

Mr. Malnati updated the committee on RFP 2015-05 for "Combined fixed route and paratransit operations and management" issued on February 9, 2015 with responses due on March 13, 2015.

**6. Old Business**

None discussed.

**7. New Business**

Mr. Gallant inquired when the contract with the operator's ended and if it made sense to negotiate before awarding the new operating contract.

**8. Next Meeting**

May 13, 2015 2 PM.