

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7 p.m. EST

2600 Park Tower Drive, Sixth Floor Authority Board Room
Vienna, VA 22180

This meeting was conducted in person and livestreamed via [NVTA's YouTube Channel](#)

1. Call to Order Chairman McKay
 - ✓ On a motion by Senator Boysko, seconded by Chair Jefferson and approved unanimously, Chairman McKay was made Chair Pro Tem for the January 8, 2026, meeting of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
 - ✓ Chairman McKay called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Roll Call Ms. Henderson, Board Secretary
 - ✓ Membership Attendees: Vice Chair Mike Turner (for Chair Randall), Chairman Jeff McKay, Chair Deshundra Jefferson, Board Member Takis Karantonis, Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Mayor Catherine Read, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Alanna Mensing, Senator Jennifer Boysko, Mr. William Cuttler (Remote), and Mr. DJ Gribbin (Remote). Absent: Delegate Karrie Delaney, Delegate Briana Sewell.
 - ✓ Staff Attendees: Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Chief Financial Officer Michael Longhi; Principal, Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Communications and Public Affairs Manager Abigail Hillerich, Senior Manager Transportation Planning and Programming Dr. Sree Nampoothiri, Manager Transportation Planning and Programming Starla Couso, Regional Transportation Planners Griffin Frank, Alyssa Beyer, Kristen Sarik, and Matthew Bewley; Project Delivery/Grants Manager Amanda Sink; Comptroller Lu Han, Senior Accountant Gary Armstrong, Senior Accountant Lauren Wilber, Accounting Assistant Margaret Duker, Executive Assistant Tara Dunion, and Board Secretary Lee Ann Henderson.
 - ✓ Council of Counsel Attendees: Ms. Christina Zechman-Brown-City of Alexandria, Mr. Daniel Robinson-FFX County.
 - ✓ Other Attendees: Ms. Tracy Baynard-McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC.
3. Annual Organizational Meeting Public Comments
 - ✓ Written comments were submitted by Ruth Woollett of Arlington County who thanked the NVTA Board members for supporting the DMV Moves and SJ28 recommendations for increased dedicated transit funding and also thanked NVTA for making funding transit a top legislative priority.
 - ✓ Fred Hussain of Prince William County spoke in person. Mr. Hussain expressed his support for the bi-directional I-95 express lanes study in Northern Virginia to Fredericksburg.
 - ✓ Bill Pugh, Transportation and Climate Director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth,

stated it is critical to retrofit and prioritize arterials and focus on bus prioritization in the region.

- ✓ Jason Stanford, President of Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, stated it is important to remember the positive impact that NVTA has had on the region's transportation network. He stated it is important that the Authority continue to take a data driven approach in making transportation investments to expand the system to support economic growth and stability.
- ✓ Mark Scheufler, Active Prince William, spoke via Zoom. Mr. Scheufler stated he struggles with the benefit the NVTA 70% funding process provides for the residents of the region. He recommended implementing a flexible 15-year fiscally constrained pipeline plan which should provide regionally significant solutions to areas of quantifiable greatest congestion associated with interjurisdictional boundaries. He requested RJACC meeting minutes be open to the public.
- ✓ Ken Reid, former elected Loudoun County official, expressed concern about Virginia Railway Express (VRE) projects since their ridership is down. He suggested that putting funding on express buses would be a more cost-effective option.
- ✓ Allen Muchnick, Active Prince William, stated that in 2025 NVTA made commendable progress to advance micro-mobility by supporting various efforts to seek increased capital and operating revenue for public transportation, developing a bus rapid transit action plan, and by coordinating a preliminary study of potential new funding sources for stand-alone active mobility projects. He suggested several strategies to increase active mobility project funding.
- ✓ Chairman McKay thanked everyone for participating in the annual public comment opportunity.

Presentations

4. **NVTA Report** Ms. Hillerich, Communications and Public Affairs Manager
 - ✓ Abigail Hillerich, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, presented the 2026 NVTA Report and noted that the report was produced entirely in-house.
 - ✓ Ms. Hillerich highlighted NVTA's \$5 billion of funding investment and the economic effects throughout the region.
 - ✓ She welcomed Authority members to take copies to their localities and offices to distribute to the public.

Action Items

5. **Approval of December 11, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes** Chairman McKay
 - ✓ On a motion by Mayor Davis-Younger, seconded by Mayor Mensing, the Summary Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2025, were approved with Senator Boysko abstaining.
6. **Annual Adoption of Electronic Meeting Policy** Mr. Longhi, Chief Financial Officer
 - ✓ Mr. Longhi noted that an annual Electronic Meeting Policy adoption is required by State Code.



- ✓ Mr. Longhi stated there have been no changes to the policy.
- ✓ On a motion by Chair Jefferson, seconded by Senator Boysko, the annual adoption of the Electronic Meeting Policy was unanimously approved.

7. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026 Nominating Committee

- ✓ Chairman McKay introduced the Nominating Committee of himself, Mayor Gaskins, and Mayor Read.
- ✓ Mayor Gaskins moved to re-appoint Chair Randall as NVTA Chair and Mayor Davis-Younger as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Read and approved unanimously.

8. Appointment of Town Member for Calendar Year 2026

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that she has polled all the mayors of the towns embraced by NVTA and their choice for representative for the 2026 calendar year is Mayor Kelly Burk of the Town of Leesburg.
- ✓ On a motion by Mayor Read, seconded by Board Member Karantonis, the motion to appoint Mayor Burk as Town's Representative for Calendar Year 2026 was approved unanimously.

9. Approval of Recommendation to Reallocate Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP Funds for Prince William County)

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that the donor project is complete.
- ✓ On a motion by Chair Jefferson, seconded by Chairman McKay, the motion to recommend reallocation of RSTP Funds for Prince William County was approved unanimously.

Discussion/Information Items

10. Governance and Personnel Committee Report

Ms. Baynard

- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated that the General Assembly session begins on Wednesday, January 14.
- ✓ Governor-Elect Spanberger will be inaugurated on Saturday, January 17.
- ✓ She noted two bills, HB200 and SB84, that are of interest to the Authority. She asked the Authority members to discuss these bills with their staff and provide input to her so that the Authority can formulate a response.
- ✓ Chairman McKay noted that there will be a number of new delegates and it will be important to meet with them about transportation priorities.

11. CEO Report

Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted that when the Authority adopted the Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan, there were additional phases associated with the plan. She stated she will be reaching out to locality CAOs to scheduling briefings for governing bodies as regional coordination is a very important part of the plan.



12. Chair's Comments

Chairman McKay

- ✓ Chairman McKay noted that Chair Randall received the 2025 Leadership Award from George Mason University's Schar School of Policy.

13. Adjournment

Chairman McKay

- ✓ There being no further business before the Authority, Chairman McKay adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

