

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

7 p.m. EST

Zoom

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1. Call to Order

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Henderson, Board Secretary

- ✓ Membership Attendees: Chair Phyllis Randall, Vice Chair David Snyder, Chairman Jeff McKay, Chair Deshundra Jefferson, Chair Takis Karantonis (for Vice Chair Matthew de Ferranti), Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Mayor Catherine Read, Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger, Mayor Alanna Mensing, Delegate Briana Sewell, Mr. William Cuttler, and Ms. Susan Husain (for Tiffany Robinson). Absent: Senator Jennifer Boysko, Delegate Karrie Delaney, Mayor Linda Colbert, and Mr. Gribbin.
- ✓ Staff Attendees: Chief Executive Officer Monica Backmon, Chief Financial Officer Michael Longhi; Principal, Planning and Programming Keith Jasper, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Peggy Teal, 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; Strategic Communications Specialist Sharara Faisal; 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.
- ✓ Other Attendees: Ms. Tracy Baynard-McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC.

Action Items

3. Approval of November 13, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall

- ✓ On a motion by Chair Randall, seconded by Vice Chair Snyder, the Summary Minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2025, were approved with Chair Karantonis abstaining.

4. Adoption of the 2026 Legislative Priorities

Chair Randall, GPC Chair

- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated no changes have been made since the Authority saw this at the November meeting.
- ✓ Authority members noted that their localities have or will be endorsing the DMVMoves plan with respect to developing a predictable and sustainable new source of transit funding.

- ✓ On a motion by Chair Randall, seconded by Chair Karantonis, the 2026 Legislative Priorities were approved unanimously.

Discussion/Information Items

5. Governance and Personnel Committee Report Chair Randall, GPC Chair
 - ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that two members of the Northern Virginia delegation have been named to Governor-Elect Spanberger's cabinet, which is good for the region; however, it creates the need for a special election to elect new General Assembly members.
 - ✓ Chair Randall highlighted that Nick Donohue has been appointed Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth. She noted his recent work on DMVMoves and that he is very familiar with NVTa.
 - ✓ Chair Randall highlighted that the passage of DMVMoves is important for future General Assembly funding discussion.
6. CEO Report Ms. Backmon, Chief Executive Officer
 - ✓ Ms. Backmon stated that staff is in the progress of analyzing and evaluating projects for the Six-Year Program.
 - ✓ Ms. Backmon announced that NVTa was awarded with Employer of the Year by the WTS-DC chapter.
 - ✓ Ms. Backmon noted that the January 8, 2026, meeting is the Organizational Meeting, which includes public comment.
7. Chair's Comments Chair Randall
 - ✓ Chair Randall appointed Mayor Gaskins, Mayor Read, and Chairman McKay to serve on a nominating committee to identify the Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year.
 - ✓ She stated that she will be contacting Senator Boysko and Delegate Delaney, as well as Delegate Sewell, to ensure that NVTa's Legislative Priorities are well represented at the General Assembly.
8. Adjournment Chair Randall
 - ✓ There being no further business before the Authority, Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

