



## **GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:30 pm

NVTA Offices

Meeting conducted in-person and live-streamed via YouTube

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall called the Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) meeting to order at 5:36 pm.
- ✓ Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Randall, Mayor Davis-Younger, Mayor Rishell (Appointed by Chair Randall as temporary substitute)
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant), Michael Longhi (CFO) (Remote), Abigail Hillerich (Communications and Public Affairs Manager)
  - Other Attendees: Councilmember Snyder (Authority member), Board Member Takis Karatonis, Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC) (Remote), Daniel Robinson (Council of Counsel), Christina Brown (Council of Counsel), MinhChau Corr (6:00pm) (Council of Counsel)

### **Action Items**

#### **2. Approval of April 13, 2023, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall moved approval the April 13, 2023, GPC Meeting Summary Minutes seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. Motion passed with an abstention from Mayor Rishell.

#### **3. Calendar Year 2024 Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) Meeting Schedule**

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall stated that there will be times during the General Assembly session that both the GPC and the Authority will need to act quickly and be unable to wait until the next meeting date. She noted that she will send out a straw poll vote which can be ratified at the next regular meeting when necessary.
- ✓ Chair Randall moved approval the Calendar Year 2024 GPC Meeting Schedule, seconded by Mayor Rishell. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion Items**

#### 4. Update on 2024 General Assembly Session (Verbal)

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Baynard began by noting there are over 1100 bills filed in the House and over 500 bills filed in the Senate. The last day to file bills is January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ From a transportation perspective, Ms. Baynard noted there are a number of bills regarding safety issues. Primarily these safety bills focus on expanding local government's ability to use photo monitoring for traffic lights and speed, and control of speeds on local roads. She mentioned that it is likely stakeholders will coalesce around a few bills and together make an effort of combined support.
- ✓ Mayor Rishell asked about how the definition will be changed in the school zones and Ms. Baynard responded that from one bill she's reviewed the definition would expand to more of a corridor rather than a specific school.
- ✓ Board Member Karatonis asked about the chance the governor would agree to expand the photo enforcement beyond schools and work zones. Ms. Baynard responded that the current administration shares similar concerns for safety issues. The administration is focused on data to show that implementation of programs has been effective. However, issues around privacy concerns remain. Ms. Baynard also noted there is a bill that would permit retired in good standing public/police officers to review the media data before issuing a citation.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard continued that there is a bill that would permit the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to waive certain requirements regarding installation of crosswalks. She noted that there is potential to see more bills like these that help streamline processes. Chair Randall inquired if there are differences between installation of crosswalks in school zones versus other locations and Ms. Baynard stated she would need to review information further to answer.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated there are two bills, HB 201 and HB 1175, that would restore the requirement that appointments made by the speaker of the house be members of the house of delegates. Additionally, Senator Boysko has filed a bill, SB 158, to clarify the Authority's appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard highlighted the concerns around HB 557 and its language stating that NVTAs will prioritize the preservation of natural beauty and resources, and the limits it places on the Authority to consider or fund projects that involve public land such as trails. Ms. Backmon noted that NVTAs' Standard Project Agreements (SPAs) require the project sponsors to adhere to all local, state, and federal laws including environmental. Board Member Karatonis noted that this bill is motivated by the few who oppose the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail project due to environmental concerns. He continued that the trail has cleared all federal and local regulations. There was discussion around the consequences this bill would have on future projects. Ms. Baynard stated that this bill would be reviewed by the House Transportation Committee, and if voted positively it would then proceed to the Senate Transportation Committee. Efforts will be made to communicate opposition of the bill to the House Transportation Committee members.

- ✓ Lastly Ms. Baynard stated that the governor did not include additional funding for Metro in the introduced budget but did include a pathway to temporarily adjust the 3% cap on subsidies to Metro. Additionally, the governor's budget list specific desires for operational reform for Metro. Budget amendments are due January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Chair Randall asked if there was any funding set aside for the Potomac Yard Metro station. Ms. Baynard answered that the administration is still working through the precise transportation improvements for that entire area.

## **5. Adjournment**

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall concluded the meeting at 6:14 pm.