



**GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

**NVTA Offices**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- ✓ Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Randall; Mayor Wilson; Chair Wheeler;
  - Authority Members: Mayor Parrish;
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Richard Stavros (Investment & Debt Manager); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer), Dev Priya Sen (Financial Analyst);
  - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods Consulting LLC); Bob Brown (Loudoun County); Rich Roisman (Arlington County); Ellen Posner (Council of Counsels – Fairfax County); Steve MacIsaac (Council of Counsels – Arlington County, Rob Dickerson (Council of Counsels – Prince William County), Dan Goldfarb (NVTC); Zac Smith (NVTC); Jennifer Slesinger (City of Alexandria); Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County).

**II. Approval of Meeting Summary**

- ✓ Chair Randall reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2019, GPC meeting but did not vote and will be presented to the committee to vote during March 12, 2020 GPC meeting.

**Discussion / Information Items**

**III. 2020 Legislative Update (Verbal Report)**

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

Ms. Baynard, McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Chair Randall thanked and expressed appreciation for Ms. Baynard's for General Assembly updates regarding the ongoing legislative session and asked her to provide the GPC members with legislative updates.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that there were two main Bills in the process:
  - ✓ HB 1414/SB 890– Administration Omnibus Bills
    - Provides \$30 million in funding for the Authority via an increase in the regional grantors tax \$.05/\$100. \$.10 goes to the Metro Capital Fund; \$.10 goes to the Authority.

- In the Metro compact jurisdiction, there is 1% Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) increase to maintain funding levels for the Metro Capital Fund.
- In the Non-Metro compact jurisdictions, (Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park) the revenues are to be used by those localities in the following manner:
  - Two-thirds to be used for public transportation purposes.
  - One-third to be used for transportation purposes
- ✓ HB 729 – Restore funding to the Authority:
  - Provides \$70 million in funding to the Authority.
  - Increases the regional grantors tax \$.05/\$100. \$.10 goes to the Metro Capital Fund; \$.10 goes to the Authority.
  - Increases the regional transient occupancy tax by 1% to make sure funding is provided for the Metro Capital Fund and to provide funding for Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park.
  - Dedicates \$40 million in state recordation taxes raised in Northern Virginia to the Authority.
- ✓ Chair Randall and Ms. Baynard discussed on the SB1716 revenue (I-81). Ms. Baynard updated the committee by informing that Deputy Secretary Lawson is looking into the SB1716 revenue.
- ✓ Chair Randall inquired whether Delegate Watt’s Bill includes funding to the Authority as provided in SB1716 (I-81). Ms. Baynard responded no, stating that the funding from SB1716 will result in a total restoration of \$90 million to the Authority.
- ✓ Mayor Parrish and Ms. Baynard discussed about the new revenue and how they would be used for debt service.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard informed that Senate Finance committee are taking action on Budget Amendments on the evening February 16th, 2020.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard discussed the Senate version of the Governor’s Bill mentioning the gas tax increase. She further added that the funding portion of HB729 moved fast and most of the Delegates of Northern Virginia signed in favor of Bill.
- ✓ Chair Randall asked if protective language would be part of the Bill.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard responded that for now, the Speaker’s goal is to focus on funding, noting that the issue of protective language could be incorporated at a later time.
- ✓ She added that the protective language is not only about the Authority, adding that regions like Hampton Roads, Central Virginia and I-81, could build a coalition to seek protective language to safeguard the regional funds.
- ✓ Chair Randall inquired about the safety provisions in the Bill, to which Ms. Baynard responded that the safety provisions advanced by the House and Senate include the following:
  - Lower speed limit in some commercial and local areas
  - Open alcohol container restrictions
  - A handheld Bill (could be standalone)
  - A seatbelt Bill (could be standalone)
- ✓ Chair Randall strongly encouraged all to support Delegate Watt’s Bill, noting that Authority members need to make contact with their Delegates and Senators and communicate support.

Ms. Backmon presented the financial analysis of the Bills showing NVTA estimates what each locality would receive.

**Closed Session**  
**(Personnel Matter)**

Chair Randall

A motion was made by Chair Randall to enter closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.1, for the purpose of discussing the Executive Director's annual performance review.

Motion made by Chair Randall, seconded by Mayor Wilson, and approved unanimously. (Entered closed session at 6:03 PM).

Chair Randall made a motion to reconvene from the closed session noting only matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and only those matters as were identified in the Motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

Motion made by Chair Randall, seconded by Mayor Wilson and approved unanimously. (Reconvened from closed session at 6:30 PM)

**IV. Adjournment: 6:31 PM**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: October 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM**  
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