



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 12, 2020

5:30 PM

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Meeting Held via WebEx and Live Streamed on YouTube

SUMMARY MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.
- ✓ Attendees:
 - Members: Chair Randall; Chair Wheeler, Mayor Wilson, Board Member Cristol;
 - Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Peggy Teal (Assistant Finance Officer), Dev Priya Sen (Financial Analyst); Margaret Duker (Board Clerk);
 - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods Consulting LLC); Daniel Robinson (Council of Counsels – Fairfax County); Joanna Anderson (Council of Counsels – City of Alexandria); Rob Dickerson (Council of Counsels – Prince William County); Steve Maclsaac (Council of Counsels – Arlington County);
 - Other Attendees: Jurisdictional and agency staff attended the meeting via the Authority's YouTube channel

II. Resolution Finding the Need to Conduct the November 12, 2020 Governance and Personnel Committee Meeting Electronically NVTA Council of Counsels

Chair Randall

Recommended Action: Adoption of Resolution

Board Member Cristol made the motion to adopt Resolution to Find the Need to Conduct Meeting by Electronic Communication Means during the Governor's Declared State of Emergency during COVID-19 Pandemic; seconded by Mayor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Meeting Summary

- ✓ Chair Wheeler moved approval of the minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting; seconded by Mayor Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Information Item

IV. Preparation for the 2021 General Assembly Session

Ms. Backmon, Executive Director

Ms. Baynard, MWC, LLC

- ✓ Chair Randall requested Ms. Baynard highlight anything from the General Assembly's 2021 Session which might be of interest.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted two major priorities for the 2021 General Assembly Legislative Program:
 - Protect dedicated revenue sources and powers to the Authority:
 - The Authority and member localities need stable and predictable revenue sources and powers in order to make decisions that reduce traffic congestion for residents and businesses of the region.
 - Support additional flexibility for virtual meetings for public bodies:
 - In response to the COVID-19 health and safety emergency, the General Assembly and Governor approved budget language allowing public bodies to hold meetings virtually in times of health and safety concerns to conduct ordinary business.
 - The Authority supports permanent flexibility to hold meetings electronically that are accessible to the public when health and safety concerns are present.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that FOIA councils will continue to discuss the need to have additional virtual meetings. She added, that there is a growing support from the regional bodies for virtual meetings.
- ✓ Board Member Cristol noted that she supports meetings to be held virtually for public bodies. She added, that the regional bodies like Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) are in support for virtual meetings and circulating letters to be included in their legislative packages.
- ✓ Chair Randall noted that she supports Board Member Cristol's comments and discussed with Ms. Baynard on the use of electronic meeting and in-place meetings.
- ✓ Chair Randall and Ms. Baynard discussed protective language to be added as part of the Authority's legislative priorities.
- ✓ Chair Randall noted the challenges in developing protective language, while emphasizing the need for such language. She encouraged consultation and participation with jurisdictional legislative liaisons and the Council of Counsels to move the effort forward.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard concluded the discussion by noting that the Senate will meet in person, the House may meet virtually for the 2021 General Assembly session and that it is unclear how much access will the public have.

V. Adjournment: 5:56 PM

**Next Scheduled Meeting: December 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM
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