

VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FINDING NEED TO CONDUCT
JANUARY 20, 2022 MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

January 20, 2022

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency in Virginia in response to the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat as so declared by the State Health Commissioner on February 7, 2020 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County, the locality in which the offices of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Authority) are located, declared a local state of emergency pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Virginia Code by a Declaration of Local Emergency from its Director of Emergency Management and by a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County adopted on March 17, 2020, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Finance Committee (Committee) finds that it has a responsibility to demonstrate to the public, through the Committee’s conduct, the importance of maintaining proper physical distance from others and to avoid gathering in public where the risks of infection are highest, and to take measures that promote physical distancing in order to protect the public health and mitigate the impacts and spread of COVID-19, including, among others, conducting meetings electronically whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Code provides, in part, that “[a]ny public body . . . may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency . . . or the locality in which the public body is located has declared a local state of emergency . . . provided that (i) the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and (ii) the purpose of the meeting is to provide for the continuity of operations of the public body or the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Finance Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it both impracticable and unsafe for the Committee to assemble in a single location on January 20, 2022, to discuss and transact the business of the Committee listed on the January 20, 2022, Finance Committee Agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee hereby finds that meeting by electronic means is authorized because the items on the January 20, 2022, Committee Meeting Agenda involve the discharge of the lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Authority and the Committee and also provide for the continuity of operations of the Authority and the Committee.

Adopted on the 20th day of January, 2022.