



## **GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, September 8, 2022

5:30 PM

NVTA Offices

(An in-person meeting; recorded and uploaded to YouTube)

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

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

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall called the GPC meeting to order at 5:39 PM.
- ✓ Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Randall, Chair Wheeler, Mayor Davis-Younger, Board Chair Cristol (5:43pm).
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Jonathan Davis (Authority Secretary), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant)
  - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC), Rob Dickerson (Prince William County), Daniel Robinson (Fairfax County), Mayor Rishell, Councilmember Snyder.

### **Action Items**

#### **2. Approval of January 13, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Chair Randall, Chair

*Recommended Action: Approval of January 13, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes  
[with abstentions from those who were not present]*

#### **3. Approval of March 10, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Chair Randall, Chair

*Recommended Action: Approval of March 10, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes  
[with abstentions from those who were not present]*

- ✓ Mayor Davis-Younger moved approval of both the January 13 and March 10, 2022, GPC Meeting Summary Minutes seconded by Chair Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion/Information**

#### **4. Draft 2023 Legislative Program, Verbal Report and Discussion**

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Baynard reminded the Committee that the 2023 Legislative Session begins on January 11<sup>th</sup>. She added that pre-filing began on July 18<sup>th</sup> and only five bills have been filed, none that pertain to transportation. Additionally, there are many bills that will carry over from the 2022 Legislative Session and General Assembly Committees must take action on those bills by November 21<sup>st</sup>. None of these bills will directly impact the Authority. She noted that there is

a bridge bill being discussed to accelerate the prioritizing of State funding available to current bridges that need improvement or replacement.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard went on to state that the Senate Rules Committee met this week to set limits on the number of bills members can introduce for 2023. For the Senate that number is 26. Chair Randall asked why those numbers were set. Ms. Baynard responded that it was to help manage the workload of the 45-day session.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard reported that in terms of transportation legislation, there is a large push for Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) funding and electrification. She stated that it will be important for jurisdictions to be aware of Phase 2 of the Commonwealth's plan for electrification as the focus will be on where the most amount of traffic is occurring, especially in more rural areas, to best place charging stations at specific mile intervals. A Request for Information will be issued in the fall seeking input about the next development phase of electrification. Specifically, it will focus on charging station operations for residents who live in multifamily homes, don't have access to a driveway, etc.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard went on to state that the funding for transportation remains strong. She added that policy called for Virginia to standup a multi-use trail office designed to fund design, construction, and possibly maintenance of regional multi-use trails. The standup of the office has yet to be accomplished. The outcome of this standup will be important as is it unknown how the distributions of funding through this new office will occur. Chair Randall asked how this new office will operate in conjunction with counties. Ms. Baynard responded that this is designed to be a State lead office that supports local government activity on multi-use trails. Chair Randall asked if this would be an authority and Ms. Baynard responded that it is not an authority, but an office housed within the Virginia Department of Transportation. Chair Randall further asked how the structure of this office would work with local governments. Ms. Baynard stated that the details of how the new office would operate is unknown.
- ✓ Chair Randall asked about the earlier discussed bridge bill and wanted to know if the bridge funding would be for only intrastate bridges or if it could be used for bridges that connect to other states. Ms. Baynard stated that it is for Commonwealth owned bridges only.
- ✓ Chair Randall made the statement that Metro funding will be of interest as future Federal funding towards Metro is uncertain. Therefore, the shortfall in Metro's funding is not yet known. This is compounded by the fact that ridership numbers have not yet returned to pre-Covid numbers. She stated that it will be important for all to include in their legislative programs that NVTA funding should not be diverted to Metro and added that NVTA is still trying to recover the remaining \$38.5 million that was previously diverted to Metro. Board Chair Cristol added that the jurisdictions have a Metro funding cap of 3%, but with an 8% inflation rate it will be challenging for Metro. However, she added that Chair Randall's statement stands that NVTA funding must be protected.
- ✓ Ms. Backmon added that on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, she will be presenting on a panel with the other regional transportation authorities at the Virginia Municipal League Conference. Additionally, Jason Powell will be presenting an overview of NVTA to the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Adjournment

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall concluded the meeting at 5:56 PM.