



## **GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

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 GPC meeting to order at 5:41 PM.
- ✓ Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Randall, Chair Wheeler, Board Chair Cristol, Mayor Davis-Younger (virtual).
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Jonathan Davis (Authority Secretary), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant)
  - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC), Daniel Robinson (Fairfax County)

### **Action Items**

#### **2. Approval of September 8, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Chair Randall, Chair

*Recommended Action: Approval of September 8, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes  
[with abstentions from those who were not present]*

- ✓ Chair Randall noted two clarifications to the meeting summary minutes by reading aloud the changes. Chair Randall moved approval the September 8, 2022, GPC Meeting Summary Minutes with verbal changes seconded by Board Chair Cristol. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion/Information**

#### **3. Initial Recommendations for Draft 2023 Legislative Program**

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Backmon noted the listed legislative priorities in the meeting packet are primarily the same as the adopted 2022 Legislative priorities except for the removal of the verbiage regarding committees' ability to meet virtually.
- ✓ Chair Randall asked if this draft legislation was listed in order of priority as is done with county legislative programs and Ms. Baynard stated that is correct.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that the wording of the program remains similar to last year's. Drawing attention to the restoration of funds priority, she noted that the restoration should not come from additional taxes levied on Northern Virginia and went on to read the change of language that states the Authority favors statewide funding or a larger state role in providing funding

to the Metro capital fund. She noted that as listed in the packet, about two thirds of Virginia's funding for Metro's capital fund comes from Northern Virginia. Ms. Baynard suggested that if the state could supply more of the funding, then perhaps the taxes going towards Metro can come to the NVTA.

- ✓ Chair Randall asked if that suggestion is realistic, and Ms. Baynard responded that it is one argument to make as the discussion continues regarding the state taking on a bigger share of Metro funding. Chair Cristol stated that it is a big lift to ask for state funding towards Northern Virginia transit and Chair Randall echoed that it would be more succinct to ask for the diverted revenues back. Ms. Baynard noted that to restore the diverted revenues while keeping Virginia's share of \$154 million annually for Metro, a rebalancing of funding is needed to prevent the creation of additional taxes on the region.
- ✓ Chair Cristol asked if there was a way to phrase the position that is broad enough to endorse arrangements that support Northern Virginia revenue sources remaining as dedicated to the improvement of regional transportation, and support efforts to rebalance and/or reallocate the funding that was diverted in ways that the reflect the state's responsibilities to Metro. Ms. Baynard stated that could be done.
- ✓ Chair Randall asked how much education has been given to the new members of the General Assembly of what occurred in 2018 with the diversion of revenues. Ms. Baynard stated that Northern Virginia's delegation is very well versed in the occurrences of 2018 from presentations NVTA has given and from the 2020 Omnibus bill.
- ✓ Chair Randall agreed that the language for the restoration of funding should be reworded as suggested by Chair Cristol. Chair Cristol followed up by stating that she believes the best way forward is to let the members of the General Assembly know that NVTA is short \$38.5 million and there are projects in some of their districts that cannot be funded because of the shortfall. Chair Cristol continued stating that NVTA is open to how the General Assembly can restore the funds as long as there are no additional taxes.
- ✓ A brief discussion followed on the history of the increase of Transit Occupancy Tax and Grantors Tax, and comments on the stability of Sales Tax.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard concluded with mention of the General Assembly schedule as listed in the meeting packet and stated that very few bills have been pre-filled. Chair Randall then clarified, and Ms. Baynard confirmed, that the limit for bills is 26 for the Senate and no limit has been set for the House.
- ✓ Chair Wheeler asked about the timeline of reviewing the draft language for the legislation program and Ms. Baynard stated the committee will review the draft legislative program again in November before it is reviewed by the Authority.
- ✓ Chair Randall went on to mention the importance of transportation technology and questioned the need to reorder the priorities to reflect that heightened importance. However, she decided that the priority order as is will suffice as all priorities the NVTA lists are important.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall concluded the meeting at 6:00 PM.