



GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 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 6:04 p.m.
- ✓ Attendees:
 - Members: Chair Randall, Chair Wheeler, Board Chair Cristol (6:06 p.m.), Mayor Davis-Younger
 - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Jonathan Davis (Authority Secretary), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant)
 - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC), Robert Dickerson (Council of Counsel), MinhChau Corr (Council of Counsel) (Virtual)

Action Items

2. Approval of November 10, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall, Chair

Recommended Action: Approval of November 10, 2022, Meeting Summary Minutes

- ✓ Chair Randall moved approval the November 10, 2022, GPC Meeting Summary Minutes seconded by Chair Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Recommend Authority Adoption of the 2023 NVTA Legislative Priorities

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Chair Randall first noted that on the previous night, Chair Wheeler, Chairman McKay and herself were panelists for the Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA)'s virtual Post-Election Legislative Roundtable. She stated that most of the conversation was about NVTA, specifically about protecting NVTA's revenues and restoring the diverted revenues. She further noted that earlier in the day she spoke to the Board of Trade who mentioned the discussion at the DATA panel and how important it is to protect NVTA revenues and to not re-tax Northern Virginians to restore funds. Ms. Baynard added that all NoVA jurisdictions have in their legislative programs, language to protect and restore NVTA revenues, so it is truly a multi-stakeholder effort.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard presented the four legislative priorities as listed in the packet. She reminded everyone that on January 1, 2023, the elimination of the 1.5% state sales and use tax on grocery and personal hygiene will begin, and .5% of that used to go to the Commonwealth Transportation Trust Fund. The hope is that the General Assembly will discuss the impact of that loss of revenue.

Ms. Baynard also noted the additions to the transportation technology priority with mention of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan and Automated Traffic Enforcement.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated that there haven't been many pre-filled bills, and none pertain to transportation directly. She does not expect a focus on transportation this year as the priorities are on economic development, mental health, affordable housing, and workforce development programs. She continued that she will watch for the recent trend of bills being filled as a result of a few constituents that are unhappy with a specific project at the local level trying to stop NVTA's ability to fund it.
- ✓ Chair Randall spoke about the close relationship between land use and zoning, and transportation and infrastructure. She stated that for the purpose of NVTA, it's important to watch the legislation that affects localities and their ability to regulate zoning and land use as it affects their ability to plan for the transportation and infrastructure that supports it.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated the Governor will introduce his budget amendments on December 15th and that will give insight to the Governor's priorities. A discussion then ensued about the importance of Virginia's support to agencies and localities that apply for Federal funding.
- ✓ A discussion was had about the affordable housing issue that is affecting all of Virginia, and Chair Randall restated the importance of localities continue control of zoning and land use. The Committee echoed sentiments about how the current administration is supportive toward making the regulation process easier.
- ✓ Board Chair Cristol clarified the intent listed under the transportation technology priority is that NVTA supports state expansion of local authority to take advantage of technologies that enhance traffic operations.
- ✓ Board Chair Cristol made a motion to recommend Authority adoption of the 2023 NVTA Legislative Priorities, seconded by Chair Randall. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Randall concluded the meeting at 6:26 p.m.