



## **GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

5:30 p.m.

NVTA Offices

Meeting conducted in-person and live-streamed via YouTube

### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

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

Chair Wheeler

- ✓ Chair Wheeler called the Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- ✓ Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Wheeler, Mayor Davis-Younger
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Jonathan Davis (Board Secretary), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant),
  - Other Attendees: Ms. Hynes, Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC) (Virtual), Daniel Robinson (Council of Counsel), Robert Dickerson (Council of Counsel), Christina Brown (Council of Counsel)

#### **Action Items**

*Due to quorum requirements not being met, action items were not discussed.*

#### **Discussion Items**

#### **4. Update on 2023 General Assembly Session**

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Baynard opened by highlighting what was adopted by the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. First, language was added to a budget amendment in the House that named NVTA as a part of a study regarding the extension of Van Buren Road in Prince William County. Ms. Baynard noted that NVTA currently has \$8 million invested in the Van Buren Road Extension Project for preliminary design and engineering. Chair Wheeler asked to clarify that no money was being allocated towards this study in the budget and Ms. Baynard affirmed that it is a language amendment directing an activity to be performed.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard went on to discuss projects that, for the second year in a row, the General Assembly, with the support of the administration, is dedicating large amounts of unobligated end-of-year general fund money towards. These projects include the I-81 Corridor and building a new inland port in the Mount Rogers Planning District.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted the House and Senate bills regarding expansion of the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) funds. The bills allocate no more than 30% of TRIP funds can be used towards initiatives such as transit facilities that support riders like bus shelters and benches, the

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliance projects, and zero or low emission vehicle transition activities.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard then discussed the changes the General Assembly has made to the bills regarding the use of Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF). Most of the changes added requirements of reporting and oversight of the use of funds.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard reported that the Senate budget includes language for the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to report annually, starting in November 2023, the sustainability of both short-term and long-term transportation funding after the loss of the half of percent of the grocery sales and use tax.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes inquired about the role of the CTB's oversight in the use of the TPOF and Ms. Baynard responded that the CTB will develop guidelines for the change in policy.
- ✓ Lastly Ms. Baynard noted that Sine Die is schedule for February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Adjournment**

Chair Wheeler

- ✓ Chair Wheeler concluded the meeting at 5:59 p.m.