



GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:30 pm

NVTA Offices

Meeting conducted in-person and live-streamed via YouTube

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall called the Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- ✓ Attendees:
 - Members: Chair Randall, Chair Wheeler, Board Member Cristol (6:36 pm), Mayor Davis-Younger
 - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Amanda Sink (Executive Assistant), Michael Longhi (CFO), Dr. Sree Nampoothiri (Senior Transportation Planner), Hannah Pajewski (Regional Transportation Planner)
 - Other Attendees: Councilmember Snyder (Authority member), Ms. Hynes (Authority member), Mayor Rishell (Authority member), Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods LLC), Daniel Robinson (Council of Counsel), Robert Dickerson (Council of Counsel), Christina Brown (Council of Counsel), MinhChau Corr (Council of Counsel)

Action Items

2. Approval of March 9, 2023, Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Randall, Chair

- ✓ Chair Wheeler moved approval the March 9, 2023, GPC Meeting Summary Minutes seconded by Mayor Davis-Younger. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

4. 2023 General Assembly Session – Governor’s Action on Bills

Ms. Backmon, CEO

Ms. Baynard, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated that the General Assembly Session was quiet in terms of transportation legislation. One policy change of interest to NVTA is the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). The governor submitted amendments to SB 1326 and HB 2338 which, as passed, allow up to 30% of TRIP funds to be used for transit facilities that support riders such as bus shelters, ADA compliance projects, etc. Governor Youngkin proposed two amendments: (1) remove all mention of transitioning to zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure and (2) add crime prevention and safety of employees, passengers and operators as an eligible use.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that likely June 20th is when the General Assembly will reconvene in a Special Session to pass the budget.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard then described a bill submitted by Senator Vogel and Delegate Webert regarding adding another project to the pilot program for underground transmission lines. She noted Senator Surovell added an amendment that would add Fairfax County's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) related projects to the pool of projects to the program. Ms. Baynard explained that the General Assembly passed the amendments, but the governor did not act on the amendments. Therefore, the governor is getting back the bill as passed by the General Assembly and has three options: (1) sign the bill, (2) veto the bill or (3) allow the bill to become effective without his signature. Ms. Backmon added that NVTA has invested \$330 million in the Richmond Highway BRT projects. She noted if the county were to choose to underground utilities and needed additional money from NVTA, the Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost (CRRC) score could be affected.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard then discussed preliminary thoughts on the 2024 General Assembly Session and noted potential changes in legislation regarding SMART SCALE. Chair Randall asked if changing the legislation for SMART SCALE is similar to changing legislation for NVTA in regard to opening up the entire legislation to change a part of it. Ms. Baynard noted that an amendment could be made to change a specific part of the legislation, but as it goes through committees and the General Assembly, they could make additional changes as they see fit. Ms. Baynard continued that there is still a lot of work ahead as the Commonwealth Transportation Board reviews SMART SCALE and that changes to SMART SCALE may not require changes in the legislation. Ms. Hynes then discussed some of the aspects of the SMART SCALE process.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes then discussed her concerns about safety and stated her position on advancing speed cameras. Board Member Cristol stated there is support throughout organizations in Northern Virginia to advance speed cameras beyond school zones. Ms. Hynes then added her concerns about the need for legislation for seatbelts and restrictions on open containers in vehicles.

5. Adjournment

Chair Randall

- ✓ Chair Randall concluded the meeting at 6:55 pm.