



Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
The Authority for Transportation in Northern Virginia

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 5, 2018

9:00AM

3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200

Fairfax, VA 22031

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order

- Chair Hynes called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.
- Attendees:
 - ✓ Members: Chair Hynes; Chairman Nohe; Delegate Minchew
 - ✓ Staff: Monica Backmon (Executive Director); Michael Longhi (CFO); Carl Hampton (Investment & Debt Manager).
 - ✓ Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuireWoods, LLC; Rob Dickerson, (Prince William County); Noelle Dominguez (Fairfax County); Steve MacIsaac (Arlington County); Kate Mattice (NVTC).

II. Approval of the Meeting Summary of the October 12, 2017 meeting.

- Chairman Nohe moved approval of the October 12, 2017 meeting summary; seconded by Chair Hynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Information

III. 2018 Legislative Program Development

Chair Hynes

- **Ms Baynard provided updates on legislative developments**
 - ✓ Very few Bills have been prefiled.
 - ✓ Bill to amend SmartScale.
 - ✓ Proposal on funding for WMATA was described.
 - ✓ We only have budget language, no legislative language for WMATA bill.
- **Chair Hynes discusses WMATA package**

- ✓ Reviewed the Governor McAuliffe proposal as it relates to WMATA funding.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes noted there is no guidance for Ms. Baynard or Committee on language to use when talking to people about the WMATA funding changes, she requested Delegate Minchew's insight in this area.
- ✓ Delegate Minchew said no bills have been assigned since no committee chair assignments have been made. He further noted:
 - The House Appropriations Committee may propose language for the budget bill and link it with Federal funds.
 - He doesn't think we will see a stand-alone bill like HB 2313.
 - New money for WMATA is going to be contingent on reforms.
 - General Assembly has been focused on organizational composition of its body, not on legislation.
 - The 'Funding Cliff' is well recognized.
- ✓ Ms. Hynes questioned if we should amend the Legislative package or send a letter.
- ✓ There is a concern that the NVTA may lose its ability to provide adequate funds to its member jurisdictions.
- ✓ Delegate Minchew mentioned the NVTA should go on record stating its funding sources and record of success and asking for NVTA to be left unaffected in the legislation.
- ✓ Chairman Nohe mentioned it would be very difficult to get consensus vote for NVTA to approve sending funds to WMATA, noting: jurisdictions will have to accept they will likely all take a reduction from the budget proposal, NVTA should go back and negotiate the best deal possible.
- ✓ Chair Hynes noted everyone needs to address this issue using the same words, and hopes to see language developed that will be useable language all NVTA Members could speak from.
- ✓ Delegate Minchew asked if we could obtain a statement of concern from Bond Counsel.
- ✓ Chair Hynes noted she was not focused on strategy but on trying to give members a consistent way of addressing the Governor's proposal, since:
 - The administration has no interest in damaging NVTA's credibility or its ability to do its work.
 - She agreed that all the jurisdictions will take a reduction.

- ✓ Delegate Minchew mentioned an NVTa friendly delegate could file a bill as a protective approach to shield NVTa funding statutorily.

Closed session to discuss a personnel matter began: 9:39 am

Regular Meeting reconvened at: 10:04 am

Adjournment

IV. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at: 10:05 am.