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DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting of the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Executive Director Search Committee Friday, February 19, 2021 · 10:00 am Electronic Board Meeting

In light of the continuing state of emergency declared by Governor Northam, where it is impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, and as allowed by the General Assembly during the continuing state of emergency, this meeting to take action to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation, the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Executive Director Search Committee held an electronic meeting on February 19, 2021.

The committee members participated remotely using a GotoMeeting platform. Members of the public were able to witness the meeting online via live-streaming and were provided with the opportunity to provide public comment telephonically at the outset of the meeting using a dial in number provided in the online meeting public notice. The online internet public notice for the meeting noted that this meeting would be conducted using an electronic process due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and as a precaution to reduce the risk and spread of the novel coronavirus. The online meeting public notice also furnished the Agenda and Board materials as well as information regarding the availability of online live-streaming of the meeting at the noted link. Online viewers were furnished a telephone number to call to notify staff of any interruption of the live streaming of the meeting in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g. of Chapter 1289 and Section 2.2- 3708.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The audio and meeting documents and presentation materials are on the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's website, <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/vpra/committees/>.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Wick Moorman, (Committee Chair), Sharon Bulova, Deborah, Butler Painter, Victor Cardwell, and Roderick Hall.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Jennifer Mitchell

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STAFF PRESENT

Bridget Davis and Ashwini Tamhane.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Committee Chair, Mr. Moorman, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the procedures and instructions for the electronic meeting. The following statement was made:

"On November 19th, Governor Ralph Northam signed House Bill 5005, Virginia's revised biennial budget, which includes new language for meeting electronically. In light of the continuing state of emergency declared by Governor Northam, we are conducting this meeting in a remote setting, keeping safety top of mind and mitigating the impacts and spread of COVID-19."

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Bulova made the following motion:

"I move that the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of discussing subject matters appropriate for Closed Session outlined in Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) interviews of prospective candidates for employment, (6) investment of public funds, (8) receipt of legal counsel and (29) entering contracts to be negotiated all which are considered in this executive director search committee documents. This Closed Session will occur by electronic means today and intermittently over the next two weeks, wherein at the next open meeting of this Committee after completion of intermittent closed session, this Committee will make the certification required pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia as to the content discussed in these intermittent closed sessions."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cardwell and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board suspended the open session at 10:12 a.m. on February 19, 2021 to move into closed session with instructions that the open session would reconvene at a later date after the intermittent period had concluded.

No presentations were available for today's meeting. The meeting video can be found at <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/vpra/committees/>

Respectfully Submitted:

Bridget Davis, Executive Assistant

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