



MINUTES

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2022

14700 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Members Present

*Walter Alcorn (NVTC)
*Sarah Bagley (NVTC)
*Preston Banks (PRTC)
*Meg Bohmke (PRTC) ‡
*Margaret Franklin (PRTC)
*Libby Garvey (NVTC) ‡
*Monica Gary (PRTC)
*Lori Hayes (PRTC)
*Matt Kelly (PRTC)
*Michael McLaughlin (VPRA)
*Daniel G. Storck (NVTC)
*James Walkinshaw (NVTC)

Jurisdiction

Fairfax County
City of Alexandria
City of Manassas Park
Stafford County
Prince William County
Arlington County
Stafford County
Spotsylvania County
City of Fredericksburg
Commonwealth of Virginia
Fairfax County
Fairfax County

Members Absent

Andrea Bailey (PRTC)
Jeanine Lawson (PRTC)
Ralph Smith (PRTC)

Prince William County
Prince William County
City of Manassas

Alternates Present

Alternates Absent

Canek Aguirre (NVTC)
Victor Angry (PRTC)
Pete Candland (PRTC)
Katie Cristol (NVTC)
Deborah Frazier (PRTC)
Jason Graham (PRTC)
Jeffrey C. McKay (NVTC)
Alanna Mensing (PRTC)
Pam Sebesky (PRTC)
Emily Stock (DRPT)
Ann Wheeler (PRTC)
Pamela Yeung (PRTC)

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*Voting Member

**Delineates arrival/departure following the commencement of the Operations Board Meeting. Notation of exact arrival/departure time is included in the body of the minutes.

‡ Indicates Member participated remotely

Staff and General Public

Matt Bowen – Bank of America
Cindy Bullock – VRE
JoAnne Carter - PFM
Rich Dalton – VRE
Mike Graff - McGuireWoods
Chris Henry – VRE
Sarah Higgins – VRE
Christine Hoeffner - VRE
Robert Hostelka – VRE

Lezlie Lamb – VRE
Steve MacIsaac – VRE Chief Counsel
Virginia Martin - VRE
Scott Kalkwarf– NVTC
Kristin Nutter – VRE
Danilo Ruiz - VRE
Dr. Bob Schneider – PRTC
Mark Schofield – VRE
Alex Sugatan – VRE
Joe Swartz – VRE
Tim Thomasson - VRE

Chair Franklin called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

Chair Franklin informed the Members present that Members Bohmke and Garvey had requested remote participation. Mr. Kelly moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to approve remote participation for both. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Franklin, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Safety Briefing – 3

Rich Dalton briefed attendees on safety procedures and assigned specific tasks to qualified staff members in case of an emergency.

Approval of the Agenda – 4

Mr. Kelly moved, with a second by Ms. Hayes, to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2022, VRE Operations Board Meeting – 5

Ms. Hayes moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to approve the Minutes from the April 22, 2022, VRE Operations Board meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Chairman's Comments – 6

The Chair stated there would be a Bylaws Committee meeting following the Operations Board meeting and that there will be a Finance Committee meeting after the June Operations Board meeting.

Chair Franklin announced that there would be a VRE 30th Anniversary luncheon after the July Operations Board meeting and asked Members to save the date.

Chief Executive Officer's Report – 7

Mr. Dalton briefed the Operations Board on the following items of interest:

- Safety
- Performance
- Ridership Recovery
- Manassas Line Maintenance
- New Staff Introductions

Public Comment Time – 8

The Chair opened the floor for public comment time; there were no comments received. Chair Franklin inquired if any electronic comments had been received. The Clerk read comments that had been submitted and are attached to these minutes.

Action Items – 9

Recommend Authorization to Execute an Amendment for the Second Year of the First Option Period of the Contract for Maintenance Services for Commuter Rail – 9A

Mr. Walkinshaw moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to recommend the Commissions authorize the CEO to execute an amendment for the second year of the first option period of the contract for maintenance services for commuter rail. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Recommend Authorization to Execute an Amendment for the Third Year of the Second Option Period of the Contract for Operating Services for Commuter Rail – 9B

Mr. Banks moved, with a second by Mr. Alcorn, to recommend the Commissions authorize the CEO to execute an amendment for the third year of the second option period of the contract for operating services for commuter rail. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Recommend Authorization of the Issuance and Sale of Transportation District Special Obligation Revenue Bonds (Transforming Rail in Virginia Program), Series 2022 (Green Bonds) – 9C

Mr. Walkinshaw moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to recommend the Commissions authorize the issuance and sale of Transportation District Special Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2022. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Issue a GPC Task Order for Phase I of the System Plan 2050 Update – 9D

Mr. Alcorn moved, with a second by Mr. Kelly, to authorize the CEO to issue a General Planning Consulting Services Task Order for Phase I of the System Plan 2050 Update. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Issue a GEC VIII Task Order for Engineering Support for the Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements Project – 9E

Mr. Banks moved, with a second by Mr. Kelly, to authorize the CEO to issue a General Engineering Consulting Services VIII Task Order for engineering support for the Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements Project. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Amend Contracts for the Delivery of Diesel Fuel for VRE Locomotives – 9F

Mr. Banks moved, with a second by Mr. Kelly, to authorize the CEO to amend the contracts for delivery of diesel fuel for VRE Locomotives. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Provide a Letter of Support to the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority for a USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity for Design and Construction of the Long Bridge Capacity Expansion Project – 9G

Mr. Kelly moved, with a second by Ms. Hayes, to authorize the CEO to provide a letter of support to VPRA for a USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity for design and construction of the Long Bridge Capacity Expansion Project. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Provide a Letter of Support for Spotsylvania County's FY 2022 RAISE Grant Application for the I-95 Exit 126/U.S. Route 1 Revitalization Project – 9H

Ms. Hayes moved, with a second by Mr. Kelly, to authorize the CEO to provide a letter of support to Spotsylvania County's FY 2022 RAISE Grant application for the I-95 Exit 126/U.S. Route 1 Revitalization Project. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Bohmke, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Information Items – 10

Spending Authority Report – 10A

In April 2022, VRE made the following purchases greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000:

- On April 14, 2022, VRE issued a Purchase Order in the amount of \$89,200 to Power Rail Distribution for the purchase of three locomotive turbochargers and related components.
- On April 20, 2022, VRE issued a Task Order in the amount of \$141,461 to NVE, Inc. under the Maintenance Services for VRE Facilities contract to replace the light poles and light fixtures at the Burke Centre and Manassas Park stations.

Chair Franklin asked if Members had any other business, of which there was none.

[Ms. Bohmke disconnected from remote participation.]

Ms. Gary moved, with a second by Mr. Garvey, to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Members Alcorn, Bagley, Banks, Franklin, Garvey, Gary, Hayes, Kelly, McLaughlin, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Approved this 17th day of June 2022.

Margaret Franklin
Chair

Sarah Bagley
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This certification hereby acknowledges the minutes for the May 20, 2022, Virginia Railway Express Operations Board Meeting have been recorded to the best of my ability.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie M. Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leslie" being the most prominent part.

Leslie M. Lamb