



Summary Transcript

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2024

14700 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Members Present

*Sarah Bagley (NVTC)
*Andrea Bailey (PRTC)
*Meg Bohmke (PRTC)
*Monica Gary (PRTC)
*Tom Gordy (PRTC)
*Michael McLaughlin (VPRA)
*Daniel G. Storck (NVTC)
*James Walkinshaw (NVTC)

Jurisdiction

City of Alexandria
Prince William County
Stafford County
Stafford County
Prince William County
Commonwealth of Virginia
Fairfax County
Fairfax County

Members Absent

Alanna Mensing (PRTC)
Margaret Franklin (PRTC)
Lori Hayes (PRTC)
Jannan W. Holmes (PRTC)
Takis Karantonis (NVTC)
Ralph Smith (PRTC)

City of Manassas Park
Prince William County
Spotsylvania County
City of Fredericksburg
Arlington County
City of Manassas

Alternates Present

Alternates Absent

Canek Aguirre (NVTC)
Tinesha Allen (PRTC)
Victor Angry (PRTC)
Kenny Boddye (PRTC)
Deborah Frazier (PRTC)
Libby Garvey (NVTC)
Will Mackintosh (PRTC)
Darryl Moore (PRTC)
Pam Sebesky (PRTC)
Emily Stock (DRPT)
Pamela Yeung (PRTC)

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*Voting Member

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

‡ Participated remotely via Webex in accordance with the Electronic Participation Policy

Staff and General Public

Rich Dalton – VRE
John Duque – VRE
Anaya Farah – VRE
Karen Finucan Clarkson – VRE
Chris Henry – VRE
Christine Hoeffner - VRE
Lezlie Lamb – VRE

Steve MacIsaac – VRE Chief Counsel
Kristin Nutter - VRE
Dallas Richards – VRE
Nick Ruiz - VRE
Bob Schneider - PRTC
Mark Schofield – VRE
Joe Swartz – VRE

Chair Walkinshaw called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.; the roll call followed. A quorum was not present.

Chair Walkinshaw announced that without a quorum present, the body cannot take any action.

Safety Moment – 3

CEO, 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

No action was taken.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2023 VRE Operations Board Meeting – 5

No action was taken.

Chair's Comments – 6

Chair Walkinshaw welcomed two new members of the VRE Operations Board: Supervisor Tom Gordy of Prince William County and Councilor Jannan Holmes of the City of Fredericksburg. After a review of the Board's accomplishments in 2023, outgoing Chair Walkinshaw handed the gavel to 2024 VRE Operations Board Chair Meg Bohmke. Chair Bohmke, thanked Mr. Walkinshaw for his leadership and presented a plaque commemorating his tenure as the 2023 VRE Operations Board Chair.

Chair Bohmke announced members of the VRE Operations Board 2024 Officers and reviewed current members of standing committees. The Chair encouraged members to notify her if they're interested in serving on a specific committee or need to resign from a committee in 2024.

Chief Executive Officer's Report – 7

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

- Safety
- Performance
- Ridership

Public Comment Time – 8

The Chair opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers and one written comment had been submitted, was forwarded to the Members and will be attached to these minutes.

Action Items – 9

Authorization to Issue a GEC VIII Task Order for Final Design Services for Alexandria Station Improvements – 9A

VRE CEO reviewed the background relating to planned agenda item which the VRE Operations Board will be asked to authorize at a future VRE Operations Board meeting.

Authorization to Amend the GEC VIII Task Order for Engineering Support for the Crossroads MSF Employee Parking Project – 9B

VRE CEO reviewed the background relating to planned agenda item which the VRE Operations Board will be asked to authorize at a future VRE Operations Board meeting.

Authorization to Amend the Contract for Final Design Services for the VRE Crystal City Station Improvements Project – 9C

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Adoption of the 2024 VRE Operations Board Meeting Schedule – 9D

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Recommend Authorization to Submit USDOT FY2024 RAISE Grant Application – 9E

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Information Items – 10

Spending Authority Report – 10A

The January Spending Authority Report outlined purchases greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 made in December 2023.

System Plan 2050 Update Status Report – 10B

VRE's Project Development staff briefed the VRE Operations Board on the System Plan 2050 Update.

Chair Bohmke recognized Mr. Dalton explained that there is a provision to for the Operations Board to meet fully remote with full public access and 72 hours notice. The Chair asked staff to poll the membership on availability and attempt to set up a remote meeting to move the postponed business forward.

Members Time – 11

Mr. Walkinshaw thanked those who made it to the meeting in the snow. Mr. Gordy stated he is excited to be a member on the Board. Ms. Gary stated welcomed new members and stated she is impressed with VRE's safety culture that extends