



MINUTES

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS OPERATIONS BOARD

SPECIAL ALL-VIRTUAL MEETING

June 7, 2024

14700 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Members Present

*Sarah Bagley (NVTC) ‡
*Andrea Bailey (PRTC) ‡**
*Monica Gary (PRTC) ‡
*Tom Gordy (PRTC) ‡**
*Lori Hayes (PRTC) ‡
*Jannan W. Holmes (PRTC) ‡
*Takis Karantonis (NVTC)
*Michael McLaughlin (VPRA) ‡
*Alanna Mensing (PRTC) ‡
*Ralph Smith (PRTC) ‡
*Daniel G. Storck (NVTC) ‡
*James Walkinshaw (NVTC) ‡

Jurisdiction

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

Members Absent

Meg Bohmke (PRTC)
Margaret Franklin (PRTC)

Alternates Present

Pam Sebesky (PRTC)

Alternates Absent

Canek Aguirre (NVTC)	City of Alexandria
Tinesha Allen (PRTC)	Stafford County
Victor Angry (PRTC)	Prince William County
Kenny Boddye (PRTC)	Prince William County
Deborah Frazier (PRTC)	Spotsylvania County
Libby Garvey (NVTC)	Arlington County
Will Mackintosh (PRTC)	City of Fredericksburg
Darryl Moore (PRTC)	City of Manassas Park
Emily Stock (DRPT)	Commonwealth of Virginia
Pamela Yeung (PRTC)	Stafford County

*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

Trinette Broussard – VRE

John Duque – VRE

Steve Maclsaac – VRE Chief Counsel

Dallas Richards – VRE

Rich Dalton – VRE Chief Executive Officer

Anaya Farah – VRE

Kate Mattice – NVTC

Mark Schofield – VRE

Vice Chair Bagley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., followed by the roll call.

Following roll call, the Clerk asked members to confirm that no three members were participating from the same room. The members confirmed they were not together.

Public Comment Time – 3

The Vice Chair stated public comments for this meeting were taken electronically. Ms. Broussard indicated no written comments had been submitted.

Approval of the Agenda - 4

Mr. Karantonis 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 Bagley, Gary, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Closed Session – 5

At 10:09 a.m., Vice Chair Bagley moved, with a second by Ms. Hayes, that pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Sections 2.2-3711.A(3), (6) and (8) of the Code of Virginia), the VRE Operations Board convene a closed meeting for the purposes of (1) consultation with legal counsel regarding the terms of the Norfolk Southern Operating Access Agreement which require the provision of legal advice by counsel; (2) discussion of the acquisition of real property for commuter rail service on the Norfolk Southern's Manassas Line where discussion in public would adversely affect the negotiating strategy and bargaining position of the Commissions; and (3) discussion of the investment of public funds where bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Gary, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

[Ms. Bailey entered the virtual meeting.]

[Mr. Gordy entered the virtual meeting.]

Due to technical difficulties, Chief Counsel Steve Maclsaac proposed to retake the vote on the motion to convene a Closed Session by Vice Chair Bagley, including another roll call by the Board Clerk to ensure all members were accounted for, as some members joined after the initial roll call.

Upon recall of the roll, Members Bagley, Bailey, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw cast votes in favor of convening a closed meeting.

The Closed Session convened at 10:21 a.m.

The Closed Session concluded at 11:07 a.m.

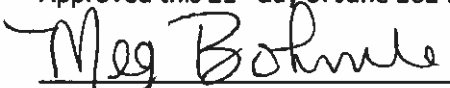
Vice Chair Bagley moved, with a second by Mr. Karantonis, to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge and with no individual member dissenting, at the just concluded Closed Session: 1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed; and, 2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed or considered. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck and Walkinshaw.

Adjournment – 6


Vice Chair Bagley thanked the Members for their participation.

Vice Chair Bagley adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Approved this 21st day of June 2024



Meg Bohmke
Chair



Ralph Smith
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This certification hereby acknowledges the minutes for the June 7, 2024 Special All-Virtual Virginia Railway Express Operations Board Meeting have been recorded to the best of my ability.



Trinette Broussard