Agenda Item 8-B
Information Item

To: Chair Bennett-Parker and the VRE Operations Board

From: Rich Dalton

Date: May 21, 2021

Re: Board Electronic Participation Policy

The bylaws of the Operations Board of the Virginia Railway Express were adopted on February 18, 1989. The bylaws outline the rights, powers, and duties of the Operations Board, subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in the Master Agreement, as well as detail the membership, term, manner of acting, and process for meetings.

The bylaws were last revised in April 2013. Since that time, the VRE Master Agreement has been updated and legislation has been passed impacting public meetings. As such, the attached changes to the bylaws are being proposed. They include:

- Updated language relevant to the changes in state law having to do with electronic meetings.
- Changing the month the Operations Board does not meet from July to August.
- Updating the weighted vote language to include the change giving the Commonwealth’s vote the same weight as the jurisdiction with the highest subsidy (changed in the Master Agreement in 2014).

Also attached for your consideration is a draft Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy.

As set forth in the bylaws, the procedure for amendments of the bylaws requires consideration by the Operations Board at one meeting followed by consideration and action at a second meeting. A redline version of the bylaws and a draft Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy are being provided at this time for Operations Board members to consider. Following discussion at the May meeting, a final draft of the revised bylaws and Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy will be presented in June for action.