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VRE Operations Board names leadership, selects committee assignments for 2026

Prince William County Supervisor Andrea Bailey serving as Chair of the 2026 VRE Operations Board

Alexandria, Va. – Prince William County Supervisor Andrea Bailey has taken the gavel of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board for 2026, leading the group of local elected officials and state representatives that guide decisions for the commuter rail service.

As Board Chair, Bailey's priorities focus on ensuring timely and efficient progress on the suite of station improvement and facility expansion projects across the VRE system that are currently underway. These capital projects align with the Commonwealth of Virginia's "Transforming Rail in Virginia" infrastructure investments to increase rail capacity in the corridor, and will prepare VRE for enhanced and expanded service as these projects are completed approaching 2030. 2030 serves as a key milestone for VRE's implementation of weekend and later evening service, and bi-directional trips, with incremental increases in service over the following decades. By 2050, VRE is anticipated to have evolved into a true regional rail system, with regular bi-directional service, 7 days a week.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of VRE. My vision and thrust as Chair in collaborating with Board Members and the VRE Staff will be governed by my passion to assist and support strategic recommendations to improve and sustain excellent customer service for the community. My strategic focus is to align board decisions for the growth of our rail system with the 2050 System Plan and Vision for future service expansions, infrastructure investments, and strengthening regional connectivity. I aim to maintain regional jurisdictional partnerships while

providing a healthy, holistic balance of safety, cost effectiveness, comfort, and reliability for our citizens.,” said Bailey, adding that she hopes “ to enhance through internal collaboration an external intentionality that uplifts and infuses our VRE Cares program by giving back to our communities through initiatives like our Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Santa Train, the Tour de VRE, and of course Toys for Tots showing our riders that VRE truly does care!”

Bailey was elected Chair of the 2026 Operations Board by her peers in January. She also serves on the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Northern Virginia Regional Council. Bailey is joined in this year’s VRE Operations Board leadership by Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck as vice chair, Spotsylvania Supervisor Lori Hayes as secretary, and City of Fredericksburg Councilmember Jannan Holmes as treasurer. City of Manassas Councilmember Sonia Vasquez-Luna and Alexandria Vice Mayor Sarah Bagley also lead the board on its executive team as at-large member and immediate past-chair, respectively.

At its March meeting, the VRE Operations Board also selected its 2026 committee assignments. Members of the board will serve on VRE’s regular committees as follows:

Executive/Audit Committee*

- Andrea Bailey, Prince William County
- Dan Storck, Fairfax County – Vice Chair
- Lori Hayes, Spotsylvania – Secretary
- Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg – Treasurer
- Sonia Vasquez-Luna, City of Manassas – At-Large Member
- Sarah Bagley, City of Alexandria – Immediate Past Chair

*The Audit Committee is comprised of the executive committee/board leadership

CEO/CLO Evaluation Committee:

- Andrea Bailey, Prince William County
- Sarah Bagley, City of Alexandria
- Lori Hayes, Spotsylvania
- Takis Karantonis, Arlington County
- Pamela Yeung, Stafford County

Finance:

Dan Storck, Fairfax County
Sarah Bagley, City of Alexandria
Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg
Takis Karantonis, Arlington County

Legislative:

Tom Gordy, Prince William County
Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Fairfax County
Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg
Sonia Vasquez-Luna, City of Manassas

VRE, the nation's 13th largest commuter rail service, connects Central and Northern Virginia with the District of Columbia. VRE is recognized for its provision of safe, reliable, convenient, and comfortable transportation. Its two lines, Manassas and Fredericksburg, serve 19 stations, including two – L'Enfant and Union Station – in D.C. Additional information, including fares and schedules, is available at www.vre.org.

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