



MINUTES

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2024

14700 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Members Present

*Sarah Bagley (NVTC)
*Andrea O. Bailey (PRTC)
*Meg Bohmke (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
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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

Margaret Franklin (PRTC)

Prince William County

Alternates Present

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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

Alex Buchanan – VRE	Kate Mattice – NVTC
Karen Finucan Clarkson - VRE	Kristin Nutter – VRE
Rich Dalton – VRE	Dallas Richards – VRE
John Duque – VRE	Joe Stainsby – PRTC
Anaya Farah - VRE	Alex Sugatan - VRE
John Kerins - Keolis	Mark Schofield – VRE
Lezlie Lamb – VRE	Joe Swartz – VRE
Steve Maclsaac – VRE Chief Counsel	

Chair Bohmke called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.; the roll call followed.

Chair Bohmke informed the Board that Mr. Storck requested to participate remotely from Mexico where he is on vacation. Ms. Gary moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to approve Mr. Storck’s remote participation. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, Mensing, Smith, and Walkinshaw.

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

Ms. Bailey moved, with a second by Ms. Gary, to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2023 VRE Operations Board Meeting and the Minutes of the January 29, 2024 Special All-Virtual VRE Operations Board Meeting – 5

Ms. Bailey moved, with a second by Ms. Gary, to approve the minutes from December 15, 2023 VRE Operations Board meeting and the minutes from the January 29, 2024 Special All-Virtual VRE Operations Board meeting. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Chair’s Comments – 6

Chair Bohmke welcomed attendees to the February Operations Board meeting and indicated there would be a Finance Committee meeting immediately following the Operations Board meeting. The Chair announced the VRE will have a float in the Greater Manassas St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 9, 2024. Chair Bohmke reviewed current committee assignments and urged members to communicate with her if they wished to be added or removed from a committee.

Chief Executive Officer’s Report – 7

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

- Safety
- Performance
- Ridership
- New Staff Member

[Mr. McLaughlin arrived at 9:14 a.m.]

Public Comment Time – 8

The Chair opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers, but there was one written comment submitted and forwarded to VRE Operations Board Members.

Action Items – 9

Authorization to Execute a Sole Source Contract for Locomotive Data Recording System-Video Upgrades – 9A

Ms. Bailey moved, with a second by Ms. Hayes, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a sole source contract with Wabtec Railway Electronics for Locomotive Data Recording System-Video Upgrades. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Execute a Contract Amendment for Construction of the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project – 9B

Ms. Holmes moved, with a second by Mr. Karantonis, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the contract with Clark Construction Group, LLC for Construction of the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Issue a GEC VIII Task Order for Final Design Services for Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements – 9C

Mr. Karantonis moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to authorize the Chief Executive Officers to issue a task order to HDR Engineering under the General Engineering Consulting Services contract for final design services for Franconia-Springfield station improvements. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Extend the Lease Agreement for Parking at the Rippon VRE Station – 9D

Ms. Bailey moved, with a second by Ms. Bagley, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to extend the lease agreement with RCKF Riverside PLP, LLC for parking at the Rippon VRE station. The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

Authorization to Provide a Letter of Support for the City of Manassas Park's FFY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Park Central Complete Streets Improvements – 9E

Mr. Karantonis moved, with a second by Ms. Mensing, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to provide a letter of support for the City of Manassas Park's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Park Central Complete Streets Improvements . The vote in favor was cast by Members Bagley, Bailey, Bohmke, Gary, Gordy, Hayes, Holmes, Karantonis, McLaughlin, Mensing, Smith, Storck, and Walkinshaw.

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 January 2024.

Members Time – 11

Ms. Bagley stated her excitement for the Greater Manassas St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Mr. Karantonis related he had the opportunity to ride the VRE recently and noted ridership is increasing.

Ms. Gary thanked members who had supported free-fare for 18-year-olds and younger on VRE, noting she had been getting positive feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Approved this 15th day of March 2024

Meg Bohmke
Chair

Ralph Smith
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This certification hereby acknowledges the minutes for the February 16, 2024 Virginia Railway Express Operations Board Meeting have been recorded to the best of my ability.



Leslie M. Lamb

From: opscommforms@gmail.com
To: [Lezlie Lamb](#); [Holly Cockrell](#)
Subject: Public Comments
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 7:30:26 AM

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A response was submitted for the form "Public Comments"

(REQUIRED) First and Last Name: Jennifer Porter

City or County of residence: Fredericksburg

Comments: How often are trains inspected? I am currently on a train that 4 stops in has failed due to a water issue with the engine. This train should have been inspected this morning so that we do not have to wait 40 minutes for another train to push us to Union Station.

Acknowledgement