

**RICHMOND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE
HELD DECEMBER 10, 2019**

A Committee Meeting of the Operations and Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority was held on the 10th day of December 2019, at the RMTA Main Office, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1120, Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to due notice. Committee Chairman Thomas Hawthorne and Committee members Marvin Tart, Sr. and Donald Williams were present and acting throughout the meeting. Committee member Unwanna Dabney and Director Greg Whirley (who sat in on the meeting but is not on this Committee) joined the meeting in progress, as noted below. Committee members Aubrey Fountain, Darius Johnson, and Bill Woodfin were absent. Also in attendance were RMTA staff members Joi Dean, Sheryl Johnson, Jim Madison, Leslie Mehta, Theresa Simmons, and Paula Watson. Additionally, Belinda Jones and Henry Willett of Christian & Barton, LLP were present. There was a quorum once Director Dabney entered the meeting.

Chairman Hawthorne presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Waiting for a quorum to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes, Chairman Hawthorne began the meeting with Ms. Simmons' Special Conservators of the Peace ("SCOPs") discussion.

Director Whirley joined the meeting in progress.

Director Dabney joined the meeting in progress.

Ms. Simmons led a discussion as to whether the Authority should continue with its current SCOPs or move towards instituting a police force. Ms. Simmons explained that there are four potential options: (1) continue to maintain SCOPs as the Authority currently has; (2) seek legislation for the Authority to operate a law enforcement agency; (3) discontinue the Authority's SCOPs and contract with Richmond Police Department/Virginia State Police for law enforcement services; and (4) discontinue providing law enforcement services completely. Ms. Simmons summarized the benefits and drawbacks of each option. She explained that the staff recommendation would be to continue maintaining SCOPs as the Authority has currently done so through FY2021 and potentially seek enabling legislation for the next General Assembly session for the Authority to operate a law enforcement agency. The Committee agreed with the staff's recommendation to continue maintaining SCOPs throughout FY2021. The Committee would like the staff to continue to research and provide additional information associated with the four potential options to be presented to the Committee at a later date.

Next, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the affirmative votes of all of the Committee members present, the Committee minutes of the Authority's meeting held on November 6, 2019, were approved, as previously distributed.

Next, before the Chairman Hawthorne turned to Ms. Dean for the Toll System and Service Project Update, Ms. Simmons for the RMTA Lane Configurations/Operational Options, and Mr. Madison for the Toll Study Discussion, the Committee considered a motion to convene in executive session pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(29) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as it relates to the scope of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority and for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to the same. Such motion was duly moved, seconded and approved by all Committee members.

The Committee reconvened in open session and considered a motion pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3712(D) that, to the best knowledge of each Committee member present, (i) only such public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were

heard, discussed or considered by the Committee and that a statement to such effect would appear in the minutes of the meeting. Such motion was duly made, seconded and approved by all Committee members present.

Hearing no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.