

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RICHMOND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority was held on the 12th day of February, 2019, at the RMTA Main Office, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1120, Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to due notice.

The following Directors were present and acting throughout the meeting, except as noted below: Directors Brown, Elswick, Hinson, Johnson, Ramsey, Whirley, and Williams. Director West participated in the meeting throughout via telephone. Directors Dabney, Tart, and Woodfin joined the meeting in progress. Chairman Nelson and Directors Gurley, Hardiman, and Hawthorne were absent. Authority staff present were Ms. Dean, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Madison, Ms. Mehta, and Ms. Watson. Mark Grossenbacher of HNTB was also present throughout the meeting. In the Chairman's absence, Vice Chairman Whirley presided over the meeting, and Ms. Mehta acted as Secretary. There was a quorum once Director Tart arrived.

In the Chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Director Dabney joined the meeting in progress.

The Vice Chairman deferred a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 board meeting minutes until there was a quorum.

Director Tart joined the meeting in progress.

Director Woodfin joined the meeting in progress.

The Vice Chairman entertained a motion for board member, Director Marilyn West, to participate via telephonic communication due to personal reasons pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3707 and 3708.2 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon motion duly made,

seconded and unanimously carried by the affirmative votes of all of the Directors present, Ms. West was approved to join the meeting by telephone.

Director West provided a report from the Compensation and Benefits Committee. She explained that Paypoint HR provided a second presentation to the Committee that morning (the first being at the January 2019 Committee meeting). Director West noted that the Committee will be prepared to provide a recommendation concerning the findings of the Compensation and Benefits Study at the March board meeting. Director West reported that the Committee's recommendation will be informed in part by budgetary impacts based on any recommendations that the Committee plans to provide.

Commencing the CEO's portion of the agenda, Ms. Dean provided a General Assembly Update. She explained that the RMTA and the RMTA's lobbying firm have monitored transportation legislation. The vast majority of transportation bills do not impact the RMTA. Of the 20 transportation bills, 14 have gone away and four of the six remaining are almost identical. The two Interstate 81 funding bills to improve transportation issues are almost identical. Although funding was stripped from both bills, there is a possibility that a funding mechanism could re-emerge among the conferees. As the bills currently stand, they provide only that a committee be established to set priorities for I-81 improvements and to make recommendations before the end of the year about how best to pay for the improvements. Two other virtually identical bills would expand the limited classifications of individuals who can use toll roads free of charge to include firefighters and emergency management services, but the RMTA is specifically excluded from that bill. HB 2489 concerns state-declared emergencies, such as hurricanes, and the ability of motorists to use certain toll roads free of charge. The bill is aimed mainly at Hampton Roads and has been changed so as to not violate contractual provisions under

PPTA projects. This bill likely will not have much impact on the RMTA. Lastly, HB 2527 is still alive but affects only Northern Virginia. The RMTA will continue to monitor these bills as they progress.

Ms. Dean gave the Operations report in Ms. Simmons' absence, referring Board members to the written report in the agenda packet. Ms. Dean discussed the second snow event of the season (January 11-17, 2019). Prior to the event, the Authority pre-treated the Expressway including all major interchange ramps and local street ramps. The event was anticipated to yield between 8 to 12 inches of snow. The event was downgraded and only produced an estimated total accumulation of 2 inches of snow over approximately 24 hour period. The on-going salting and plowing operations during the height of the snow event resulted in all travel lanes and toll plazas being cleared of snow and ice by 4:00 am on Monday, January 14. The RMTA continues to monitor the Authority's contractors to ensure that the roadways are clear during weather events.

Mr. Madison provided the Traffic and Revenue report, also referring Board members to the written report in the agenda packet. Regarding traffic highlights, he noted that January 2019 had the same number of commuting days as compared to the prior year. Monthly gross traffic increased by an estimated 299,000 vehicles or 6.0% when compared to the prior year primarily due to weather related issues. Year to date fiscal year 2019 gross traffic is approximately 1.3% ahead of the prior year. Concerning revenue and expense highlights, Mr. Madison stated that fiscal year 2019 toll revenue of \$24.1 million is approximately 0.1% under the budget estimate through January 31, 2019. Fiscal year to date expenses of \$9.1 million are within budget expectations. Fiscal year 2019 revenue and expense amounts continue to demonstrate compliance with required debt coverage ratios.


Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the affirmative votes of all of the Directors present, the board minutes of the Authority's meeting held on January 8, 2019, were approved as previously distributed.

Director Dabney began the New Business portion of the agenda by recognizing that the WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar) Central Virginia Chapter awarded RMTA as a recipient of their highly competitive 2018 Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award due in part to the fact that executive staff at the Authority is comprised of 83% women and 66% minorities and that the Authority actively solicits contract proposals from minority and women-owned businesses.

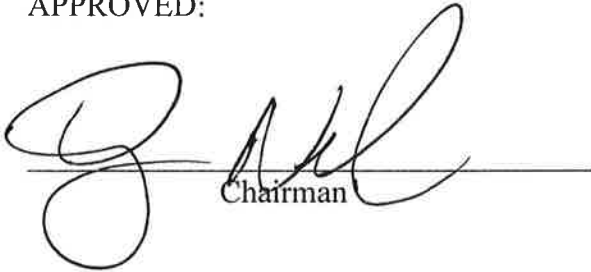
Further, the Vice Chairman noted that there will be a meeting of the Nominations and Governance Committee to discuss potential changes to the board meeting schedule. Nominations and Governance Committee Chair Carlos Brown will provide a scheduling change recommendation at the next board meeting.

Further with regard to new business, Ms. Dean acknowledged that in celebration of Black History Month the GRTC acknowledged Director West as a local Black History-Maker.

There being no further items of new business or any further business to come before the meeting, the board meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

