



Executive Committee Meeting Summary

**NVTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – JULY 18, 2024
Via Electronic Participation
Public Streaming via YouTube**

NVTC Executive Committee Members Present Via Electronic Participation:

Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Canek Aguirre
Walter Alcorn
Dalia Palchik
Paul Smedberg (non-voting member)
David Snyder

NVTC Executive Committee Members Absent:

Sarah Bagley
Adam Ebbin
Matt Letourneau (non-voting member)

Other Commissioners Present Via Electronic Participation:

Zach Trogdon

Staff Present via Electronic Participation:

Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Allan Fye
Rhonda Gilchrest
Scott Kalkwarf
Steve Maclsaac
Aimee Perron Seibert
Melissa Walker

Chair de Ferranti called the all-virtual Executive Committee meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and noted that staff followed the procedures and guidelines in NVTC's Electronic Participation Policy, to give notice to the Commission, staff and the public. This meeting is simultaneously being broadcast to the public on YouTube. He reviewed the procedures for the electronic meeting, including that any votes would be conducted by roll call vote and reminded Commissioners about the new Code requirements and the importance of keeping their cameras on to constitute a quorum.

Executive Director Kate Mattice called the roll and confirmed quorum. Mr. Aguirre had technical difficulties with his camera, so due to the new Code requirements he was not counted towards quorum. Chair de Ferranti welcomed Acting DRPT Director Zach Trogdon, who is a new Alternate Commissioner.

Chair de Ferranti noted that the summary of the June 6, 2024, Executive Committee meeting was provided in the meeting materials and there were no corrections from committee members.

Ms. Mattice then reviewed the July 18 Commission Agenda. She highlighted that the Commission meeting will feature a video recognizing the service of outgoing WMATA Board Chair Paul Smedberg. The consent agenda includes actions to approve a contract for state government relations services, to accept NVTC's strategic research roadmap, to approve a resolution which directs WMATA on the way they allocate additional general fund money, and to approve a letter of endorsement for the City of Alexandria's charging infrastructure grant application. Commissioners will also be updated on the efforts focused on finding a long-term sustainable transit funding solution, including the regional bus analysis and the launch of the SJ 28 Subcommittee and the DMVMoves initiative. Ms. Mattice reminded Commissioners that there will be a closed session for a VRE matter as it relates to the acquisition of real property.

Chair de Ferranti then took time to thank Mr. Smedberg for his service as chair of the WMATA Board.

Regarding the Commission Agenda, Mr. Snyder asked if VRE staff will make a public presentation before going into closed session and if there is action after the closed session. NVTC Legal Counsel Steve Maclsaac stated that there is no plan to make a public presentation related to anything discussed during the closed session as the entirety of the materials discussed in closed session is confined to said session. There is a proposed resolution for action following the closed session that was part of the confidential information provided to Commissioners ahead of the evening's meeting regarding an interim access agreement with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA). Mr. Snyder stated that he feels it would be helpful if the public was given some context about the closed session discussion and that he would like there to be a commitment for a public process. Mr. Maclsaac added that the reason this matter is to be discussed in closed session is because the content is subject to a non-disclosure agreement between VRE, VPRA and Norfolk Southern. Mr. Maclsaac stated that there is no commitment to a funding agreement being requested at this time.

Mr. Smedberg asked Mr. Maclsaac to share what the feedback has been from PRTC and other groups regarding this VRE matter. Mr. Maclsaac stated that PRTC was presented the identical information at their July 11 Commission meeting in closed session and that they adopted the resolution with no changes. Chair de Ferranti emphasized that this is a preliminary effort and further action will be requested later in the year.

Ms. Mattice then wrapped up by reminding Commissioners that there is no August Commission meeting and that September's meeting will be replaced by NVTC's 60th Anniversary Celebration and Documentary Premiere. She added that the Executive Committee will meet on September 5 before the celebration.

With no further discussion, Chair de Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.