

**NVTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 8, 2026  
NVTC Suite #230, 2300 Wilson Blvd  
Arlington, VA 22201**

**NVTC Executive Committee Members Present:**

Dave Snyder, Chair  
Walter Alcorn  
Sarah Bagley  
Matt de Ferranti  
Matt Letourneau

**NVTC Executive Committee Members Absent:**

Canek Aguirre  
Adam Ebbin

**Other NVTC Commissioners Present:**

Maureen Coffey

**Staff and Others Present:**

Kate Mattice, Executive Director  
Genoveva Cutrell  
Andrew D’huyvetter  
Sarah Godfrey  
Ann McGrane

Vice-Chair Sarah Bagley called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that Chair Snyder was delayed. Vice-Chair Bagley stated that she would chair this meeting in Chair Snyder’s absence. NVTC staff confirmed an in-person quorum. Ms. Mattice shared that one public comment was received and was sent to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The summary of the December 4, 2025 Executive Committee meeting was presented and there were no corrections or changes requested by the committee members.

Ms. Mattice gave an overview of the evening’s Commission meeting agenda. She reminded the committee that Commissioners and elected officials have been shuffling around as people continue to fill roles in the new Spanberger administration. As such, new and departing Commissioners will be recognized at the full Commission meeting this evening and more are expected to be announced in the coming weeks. New Commissioners include Supervisor Rachna Sizemore Heizer, from Fairfax County and Darien Flowers, the Commonwealth Appointee to the WMATA Board. Paul Smedberg and Mark Sickles will be

leaving the Commission and will be recognized for their contributions at the full Commission meeting. The consent agenda includes authorization for NVTC to apply for a technical assistance grant from DRPT. The Commission will be asked to authorize the WMATA Committee chair to submit comments on the WMATA FY 2027 proposed budget. There are also a handful of VRE action items, including the VRE budget.

Mr. Alcorn gave a brief update on WMATA Board member activities, including his recent appearance at the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting the previous Tuesday. He stated that the CTB was presented with the recommendations of a study to examine operational efficiencies and cost reductions at WMATA, which was part of legislation passed by the Commonwealth in 2024. Mr. Alcorn observed that the information was well received by the CTB and the recommendations are already under review and, in some instances, implemented.

Ms. Mattice informed the committee that NVTC is closely watching parallel transit-focused bills in the Virginia House and Senate which mirror the Northern Virginia Growing Needs of Public Transit Joint Subcommittee (SJ28) recommendations. These bills would fully fund the recommendations of the SJ28 Joint Subcommittee and significantly boost public transit statewide. Another set of bills would raise transit funding by expanding sales taxes to certain services and lowering the sales tax rate for the rest of Virginia outside of Northern Virginia. These bills would significantly raise transportation revenue statewide, including highway, rail and highway maintenance funds.

Chair Snyder arrived at 6:38 p.m.

NVTC Director of Strategic Communications Sarah Godfrey reported that her team and Director of Programs and Policy Ann McGrane are working on a communications plan for Richmond which includes a strategic but small ad-buy during Session to raise awareness about the value of transit. Ms. Mattice added that when NVTC's Legislative Liaisons Aimee Perron Siebert and Henry Watkins arrive, they will be able to elaborate further on targeting the messaging to the right audience.

Ms. Mattice gave an update on personnel. She stated that outgoing Director of Programs and Policy Andrew D'huyvetter will be moving to Australia. Ann McGrane assumed the role of director on January 1. NVTC is actively in the process of hiring a new deputy director of programs and policy. Sarah Godfrey was also promoted to director of strategic communications.

With no further comments, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.