

**NVTC JOINT WMATA COMMITTEE/LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026**

**NVTC Conference Room, Suite #230
2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia**

[Public Streaming Via YouTube](#)

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

June 18 Committee Meetings:

4:30 p.m. Program Advisory Committee – NVTC Suite #230 (see separate agenda)

5:30 p.m. Boxed Dinners Available for Committee Members

6:00 p.m. Joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee Meeting – NVTC Suite #230

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - **ACTION: Approve Commissioners Participating Electronically (if needed)**
2. Meeting Summary of the April 16, 2026 Joint NVTC WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee Meeting
3. Presentation by the WMATA Real Estate Team
4. 2026 Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA Update
5. Legislative Update
6. Other Items
 - Next Joint Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Suite #230

WMATA Committee Members:

Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Matt Letourneau, Vice-Chair
Caneke Aguirre
Walter Alcorn
Kate Burns
Justine Underhill (David Snyder/Alternate)

Legislative and Policy Committee Members:

Caneke Aguirre, Chair
James Bierman, Vice-Chair
Maureen Coffey
Matt Letourneau
Catherine Read
Saddam Azlan Salim
Justine Underhill (David Snyder/Alternate)

**MEETING SUMMARY
NVTC JOINT WMATA COMMITTEE / LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
Public Livestreaming via YouTube
April 16, 2026**

WMATA Committee Members Present:

Matt de Ferranti, Chair
Matt Letourneau, Vice-Chair
Canek Aguirre
Darien Flowers
David Snyder (Alternate, Falls Church)

Legislative and Policy Committee Members Present:

Canek Aguirre, Chair
Matt Letourneau, Vice-Chair
Maureen Coffey
Catherine Read
Saddam Azlan Salim
David Snyder (Alternate, Falls Church)

WMATA Committee Members Absent:

Walter Alcorn
Justine Underhill

Legislative and Policy Committee Members Absent:

James Bierman, Vice-Chair
Justine Underhill

Other Commissioners Present:

Takis Karantonis
Allan Fye (Alternate, Commonwealth)

Staff and Others Present:

Kate Mattice, Executive Director
Shannon Bacon
Rhonda Gilchrest
Adam Hager
Scott Kalkwarf
Hwajung Kim
Daniel Knickelbein
Ann McGrane
Tenley O'Hara
Amanda Sink
Sophie Spiliotopoulos

Melissa Walker
Owen Williams
Aimee Perron Seibert (*via electronic participation*)
Henry Watkins (*via electronic participation*)
Jenner Foster (*via electronic participation*)
Kirk Dand (Arlington County)
Brent Riddle (Fairfax County)
Jen Monaco (DRPT)
Greg Potts (WMATA)
Kathleen Silbaugh (WMSC)
Michelle Zamarin (WMATA IOG)

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre called the joint meeting of the WMATA Committee and the Legislative and Policy Committee to order at 6:04 p.m. He explained that the meeting is being streamed live via NVTC's YouTube channel. He confirmed that each committee had reached quorum before welcoming Senator Salim as a new member of the Legislative and Policy Committee and Amanda Sink as the new NVTC Deputy Director of Programs and Policy.

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre noted that the Meeting Summary of the January 29, 2026 Joint WMATA Committee/Legislative and Policy Committee meeting was

included in the meeting materials. There were no changes requested by committee members.

Presentation from the WMATA Office of Inspector General

Chair Aguirre introduced WMATA Inspector General Michelle Zamarin to provide a presentation on the Office of Inspector General (OIG) recent audit and investigative work, the semi-annual report and an overview of their annual work plan process.

Ms. Zamarin described multiple recent investigations conducted by her office including audits on data protection and privacy, accounts payable processes and WMATA's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation. She explained how the practices of the OIG have shifted under her leadership including more specific risk analysis, regular connections with interested parties and increased transparency to the WMATA Board such as through new quarterly Board reports.

Ms. Coffey and WMATA Committee Chair de Ferranti joined the discussion at 6:09 p.m. and 6:10 p.m., respectively.

Ms. Zamarin reported that her office has also initiated conversations with WMATA staff at and below the executive level to glean insights that may inform her office's work plan. Additionally, she noted that the OIG is developing its annual audit plan to be finalized by September, which will describe the areas of focus for the coming year. Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre and Mr. Flowers each commended Ms. Zamarin's approach to increasing transparency, trust and effectiveness at the OIG.

Mr. Karantonis joined the discussion at 6:18 p.m.

2026 Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA

WMATA Committee Chair de Ferranti introduced NVTC WMATA Program Manager Adam Hager who provided an overview of the requirements and topics for NVTC's 2026 Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA. Mr. Hager highlighted four specific NVTC priorities identified in last year's report including controlling labor costs and overtime, establishing an operating reserve fund, streamlining WMATA's reporting requirements and developing a coordinated jurisdictional subsidy audit. He also shared the report's development timeline, with a requirement to submit to Governor Spanberger and the General Assembly by December 15, 2026.

Mr. Letourneau joined the discussion at 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Flowers followed Mr. Hager's presentation with an overview of the current WMATA budget outlook and how the annual report plays a role in advancing the Commission's

priorities for long-term financial stability. Mr. Flowers affirmed the WMATA Board's innovative yet straightforward approaches to accomplishing WMATA's goals to provide high-quality service within a predictable budget.

Mr. Snyder then briefly discussed cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, particularly noting the importance of operational redundancy within new technology. He also mentioned concerns of recent violence near WMATA property to which Mr. Flowers responded that the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) and WMATA treat safety as a top priority, leading to a 40-year low rate in crime.

Mr. Letourneau addressed the proposed operating reserve fund, noting that the funding jurisdictions are ultimately responsible for potential cost overruns and questioned whether there was a realistic route to implementation provided the financial capabilities of other funding jurisdictions.

WMATA Committee Chair de Ferranti underscored that the annual report is part of a larger strategy to identify opportunities for increased operational effectiveness and capacity at WMATA.

General Assembly Update

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre opened the discussion with an overview of recent state and federal developments. He stated that the Virginia General Assembly Session concluded in March and that the deadline for gubernatorial action on legislation has passed. The General Assembly is scheduled to reconvene next Wednesday, April 22 to consider gubernatorial vetoes and recommendations, followed by a Special Session on Thursday, April 23 regarding the state budget.

Program Analyst Owen Williams provided an overview of key transit-related legislation adopted during the General Assembly Session, including updates to the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), expanded authority for bus lane and bus stop enforcement, new opportunities for WMATA advertising revenue and legislation related to contracted transit workforce standards. Several rail-related bills were also enacted to support project delivery and expand the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's authorities.

Staff also highlighted several studies assigned to DRPT, including reviews of WMATA cost efficiency, Northern Virginia bus system consolidation, parking-related revenue options and transit-oriented development. Many of these efforts are contingent on inclusion in the final state budget. DRPT is also continuing to advance work through the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) to develop updates to the Making Efficient and Responsible Investments in Transit (MERIT) Operating Assistance program and TRIP. NVTC staff are coordinating with regional partners to ensure Northern Virginia perspectives are reflected, with recommendations anticipated to advance to the Commonwealth Transportation Board later this fall.

NVTC Legislative Liaison Aimee Perron Seibert provided an update on the Reconvened Session and ongoing budget negotiations. At the time of this committee meeting, no significant movement on the state budget had occurred, though discussions could possibly begin next week during the Special Session. Key areas of discussion include revenue proposals repealing the data center sales and use tax exemption and the governor's veto of skill games legislation. NVTC's legislative liaisons will continue to engage with the governor's policy office and Secretary of Transportation Nick Donohue to emphasize Northern Virginia transit priorities. Senator Salim stated that he is likely to accept the governor's recommendations to his bill SB 731.

Executive Director Kate Mattice provided the committee with notice of a new appointment to NVTC. Delegate Kirk McPike has been appointed by the Speaker of the House and will be sworn in at the May 7 Commission meeting. A Senate vacancy remains and is expected to be filled in the near term.

Federal Update

Ms. Mattice provided an overview of the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is set to expire on September 30, 2026, and current projections indicate that the Mass Transit Account will soon face insolvency. Mr. Letourneau noted that congressional activity is expected to accelerate in the coming months, with committee markups scheduled for April 29. He stated that user fee concepts, particularly for electric and hybrid vehicles, are under consideration as potential replacements for declining gas tax revenues. Mr. Flowers added that while timelines remain uncertain, a series of short-term extensions beyond the expiration deadline is considered likely.

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board is scheduled to meet in Northern Virginia next month, May 19-20 at Hotel AKA in Alexandria. The Virginia Transit Association Annual Conference & Bus Expo takes place on the same days in Fredericksburg.

Other Items

With no further discussion from committee members, Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre reminded members that the next joint committee meeting will be in person at NVTC on Thursday, June 18 6:00 p.m.

Legislative and Policy Committee Chair Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.