

## **RESOLUTION #2485**

SUBJECT: Approve the Revised VRE Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy

WHEREAS: Virginia Code (Freedom of Information Act §§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) permits members of a public body, such as NVTC and PRTC, as well as their committees, including the VRE Operations Board, a joint committee of the two Commissions, to participate in meetings through electronic means such as telephone and video conferencing subject to approval of a policy pertaining to such electronic meetings;

**WHEREAS:** Changes were made to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as a result of action in the 2022 Virginia General Assembly;

**WHEREAS:** The newly passed legislation allows for VRE Operations Board to conduct all-virtual meetings;

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy should be updated to reflect the changes to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

**WHEREAS:** The revised VRE Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy has been presented for consideration; and

WHEREAS: The legislative changes also include a requirement that public bodies, such as NVTC and PRTC, must approve the electronic participation policies of their committees, which would include the VRE Operations Board Electronic Participation Policy because the Operations Board is a joint committee of the two Commissions; and

**WHEREAS:** The VRE Operations Board recommends the following action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby approves the revised VRE Electronic Participation Policy to reflect Virginia Code changes going into effect September 1, 2022, to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022.

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Chair

Matt de Ferranti Secretary-Treasurer