

## **Governance and Personnel Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:15 p.m. EST

2600 Park Tower Dr., Suite 601

Vienna, VA 22180

*This meeting will be held in-person and accessible via YouTube.*

### **AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Phyllis Randall, Chair

#### **Action Items**

**2. Approval of February 12, 2026, Meeting Summary**

Phyllis Randall, Chair

*Recommended Action: Approval of February 12, 2026, Meeting Summary*

#### **Discussion/Information Items**

**3. General Assembly Update**

Phyllis Randall, Chair

Ms. Tracy Baynard, Senior Vice President, McGuireWoods Consulting, LLC

#### **Closed Session**

*(If necessary)*

**4. Adjournment**

Phyllis Randall, Chair

#### **Correspondence**

*(Presented as needed)*

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:15 p.m. EST

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### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- Chair Randall called the Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.
- Attendees:
  - Members: Chair Randall, Chair Jefferson, Mayor Read, Mayor Davis-Younger
  - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Abigail Hillerich (Communications Manager), Tara Dunion (EA)
  - Council of Counsel Attendees: Christina Brown (City of Alexandria) and Daniel Robinson (Fairfax County)
  - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC, remote)

### **Action Items**

#### **2. Approval of January 8, 2026, Meeting Summary Minutes**

Chair Randall

- On a motion by Mayor Davis-Younger, seconded by Mayor Read, the Summary Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2026, were unanimously approved.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **3. General Assembly Discussion**

Chair Randall, Ms. Baynard

- ✓ Chair Randall asked Ms. Baynard for an update on bills/activity before the General Assembly that affect NVTA.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard stated that it is a very busy time in the Assembly; for example three committees are meeting right at this moment. Crossover is on February 17, and on February 22 the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees will present their proposed amendments to the introduced budget. We will see details of those amendments on February 24.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard reported that the four net new transit funding-related bills, two in the House and two in the Senate, are unlikely to move forward at this time. While there is broad acknowledgement that transit across the Commonwealth needs to be addressed, and that transit's role in keeping Northern Virginia as the economic engine is important, there are conversations occurring across the House and Senate on how best to address transit funding needs. The details are yet to be

determined and conversations are ongoing. Voices from other parts of the state are getting louder and that is helpful to Northern Virginia. It may be harder to pass transit funding legislation focused just on Northern Virginia versus funding that is statewide.

- ✓ She noted that Senators Surovell and Srinivasan have proposed a budget amendment for a bike/pedestrian study, which is very similar to last year's request from the Virginia House and Senate Transportation Committee Chairs. The committee inquired how this budget amendment is different than last year's study that NVTVA completed and submitted, as the current wording is extremely similar to the 2025 request. There are two questions that we need answers to: what are you trying to fund? and did you want a prioritized list of funding sources/options? Ms. Baynard reported that she will follow up to better ascertain what the senators are looking to accomplish.
- ✓ Another proposed bill focuses on an enforcement process to protect bus-only lanes and/or bus stops to ensure that they are not blocked, this is also known as a clear lanes initiative. DC has a similar law and Maryland/Montgomery County are doing a pilot initiative. The bills, HB 564 and SB 583, are moving forward although not unanimously. These bills could benefit Bus Rapid Transit by helping to provide dedicated lanes that can be used for bus service.
- ✓ Other legislative proposals are focused on creating a regulatory structure for autonomous vehicles. Ms. Baynard stated these bills are moving forward, but there will be a lot of discussion about whether this is something that Virginia wants to move forward given that the stakeholder workgroup that was created in 2025 hasn't presented its recommendations yet. Those recommendations are due in November 2026.
- ✓ Hampton Roads is exploring ways to collaborate across that region on transportation priorities and funding, similar to what Northern Virginia is doing. Studies on public transit and infrastructure are being considered.

#### **4. Adjournment**

- ✓ There being no further business for the Committee, Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

