

Governance and Personnel Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 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 January 8, 2026, Meeting Summary Phyllis Randall, Chair
Recommended Action: Approval of January 8, 2026, Meeting Summary

Discussion/Information Items

3. General Assembly Update (Verbal Report) 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)*

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SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- ✓ Mayor Davis-Younger called the Governance and Personnel Committee (GPC) meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.
- ✓ Attendees:
 - Members: Chair Jefferson, Mayor Davis-Younger, Mayor Read, Vice Chair Turner
 - Staff: Monica Backmon (CEO), Michael Longhi (CFO), Tara Dunion (EA)
 - Council of Counsel Attendees: Christina Brown (City of Alexandria), Daniel Robinson (Fairfax County)
 - Other Attendees: Tracy Baynard (McGuire Woods, LLC)

Action Items

2. Approval of December 11, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes Mayor Davis-Younger

- ✓ On a motion by Mayor Davis-Younger, seconded by Mayor Read, the Summary Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025, were unanimously approved.

3. Motion to Adopt 2026 GPC Meeting Schedule Mayor Davis-Younger

- ✓ Ms. Backmon shared that the 2026 schedule, as presented to the committee for consideration, has the meeting time of 6:15 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month to match the Authority meeting schedule.
- ✓ Mayor Read made a motion that the GPC recommend to the Authority the adoption of the 2026 GPC Meeting Schedule.
- ✓ Chair Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

4. General Assembly Discussion Ms. Baynard

- ✓ Ms. Baynard led a discussion focused on the General Assembly which is slated to convene on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. She reported that we currently have 15 new members of the House of Delegates based on the November election. There are several special elections that will bring another four to five delegates by the end of February.

- ✓ After sharing the 2026 General Assembly Calendar and Special Dates, Ms. Baynard noted that Government-elect Spanberger's first joint session General Assembly is scheduled for 4 p.m. on January 19, 2026. She reported that the Northern Virginia General Assembly delegation will once again meet Mondays at 5 p.m. This meeting is slated to begin on Jan. 19.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard noted that it is going to be a very busy session with the challenge of addressing and balancing many competing needs.
 - a. On the social services front, in response to H.B. 1 from the federal government, there are technology priorities to help bring the SNAP error rate down to maximize federal matching money.
 - b. Housing is likely to be a big issue. Gov.-elect Spanberger, and several delegates, have been talking about housing supply and increasing affordable housing. We are going to see bills related to tweaking a 529 for housing, which exists in code, but hasn't been used. There will be legislative language around zoning issues, and incentives for local governments to approve more housing.
 - c. Workforce development is another key area. We are going to see a range of bills here, including adding money for community colleges and their fast forward programs, to help get more people into these programs.
- ✓ On the transportation front, Ms. Baynard requested that committee members and their staff review House Bill 200, introduced by Delegate McQuinn, and provide their input on it. This bill seeks to amend the requirement that the 6% funding from the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), that helps urban areas (pop. 100k+) stand up their regional transit service (operational and capital), be expanded to include all jurisdictions across the Commonwealth.
- ✓ Another transportation priority is speed enforcement. The first bill on this topic, from Senator Williams-Graves, covers a range of issues including speed cameras and pedestrian crossing violations, and provides a single standard for notifying, informing, and educating the public as to location and requirements of these safety measures. This bill progressed far into the legislative process last year but there was a lot of discussion about which entities would receive the civil penalty funds. This bill attempts to find a compromise that standardizes how the generated funds would be paid out.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard notes that other expected bill will be focused on a sales and use tax exemptions discussion. There will also be bills related to FOIA requests.
- ✓ As recommended in SJ 28 and DMV Moves the General Assembly needs to find predictable, sustainable, bondable operations and capital funding for Northern Virginia that can be used for the transit ecosystem. The Commonwealth needs \$153 million this year for its WMATA subsidy to re-benchmark due to the 3% subsidy increase cap which kicks back in for FY27. There are concerns that costs are exceeding the inflation rate. Two public transit funding scenarios are emerging. One version is a potential statewide transit funding increase that might also provide funding for other initiatives like the I-81 corridor. The second scenario would be focused on Northern Virginia specifically.

- ✓ Ms. Baynard confirmed that \$400 million is the joint operating capital for all of our transit systems. Ms. Backmon pointed out that Maryland has stated they may not have money for their WMATA subsidy for FY27. This will be part of the discussion for the net new money and whether there is a delayed enactment. With Northern Virginia's loss of federal jobs and potential reduced tax revenue, the region's economic vibrancy builds the case for statewide funding.
- ✓ Ms. Baynard reiterated NVTA's three legislative priorities and the need to protect its funding and flexibility.

Adjournment

- ✓ There being no further business for the Committee, Mayor Davis-Younger adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.