

Consent Item (E) 09-26-2019

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202099

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The terms of five members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) representing two of the jurisdictions have expired. In addition, there is one vacancy in Maryland.

The attached resolution seeks board reappointment of five members and the appointment of one.

PURPOSE:

Board approval of the reappointment of five individuals to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), and Board approval of the appointment of one individual to the AAC.

DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Access Services (ACCS) with input from current AAC members recommended five current committee members for reappointment and one new individual for appointment in the attached resolution in accordance with the AAC bylaws (Resolution 2011-09). The attached resolution lists the names, jurisdictions, and terms for each of the individuals.

Key Highlights:

Each of the nominees meets the Board's criteria for membership as established by Resolution 2011-09; and the group represents diversity in age, disability type, and uses of all modes of transportation services.

Background and History:

The Board of Directors established an Accessibility Advisory Committee and adopted governing bylaws and standards of conduct on September 24, 2009 under Resolution 2011-09.

The AAC is an advisory committee that provides recommendations on

accessibility related items to the Board of Directors. The mission of the AAC is to actively seek input from a broad range of seniors and persons with disabilities and organizations with an expressed interest in public transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities on operational issues that affect the accessibility of Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess services; advise the Board on ways to resolve such issues in order to improve Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess; promote responsiveness to riders who are seniors or persons with disabilities; and recommend possible solutions to the Board of Directors and staff, based on public input, to effectively address the diverse concerns of seniors and persons with disabilities who use Metro services.

The AAC is comprised of 21 members - six members each from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, two members from the Access for All Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and one Emeritus Member. AAC members serve staggered terms, so that approximately one third of the committee is replaced or reappointed each year.

Discussion:

ACCS confirmed the qualifications of the current committee members of the disability community in order to reappoint five members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and appoint one individual to the AAC. ACCS received input from current members of the AAC throughout the process, and now recommends the reappointment of five existing members and one new member to the AAC.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Members of the AAC volunteer their services; therefore, there is no impact on funding.	
Project Manager:	Christiaan Blake, Director, Managing Director, Access Services
Project Department/Office:	ACCS

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	See resolution.
Anticipated actions after presentation	Upon approval, the individuals will begin their terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of the reappointment of five existing members and one new member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: September 26, 2019

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2019 APPOINTMENTS

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RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Resolution 2011-09 establishes that members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) will be appointed by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, There are six vacancies among the AAC's 18 Board-appointed members;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Elvir Ariza-Silva and Darnise Bush to the AAC representing the District of Columbia each with a term to expire in June 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Vanessa Coles, Charlie Crawford, Denise Rush, and Patrick Sheehan to the AAC representing the State of Maryland each with a term to expire in June 2020; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That, in order for the AAC to conduct its business in an orderly manner, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
1.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee

Motioned by Mr. Smedberg, seconded by Mr. McMillin
Ayes: 8- Mr. Smedberg, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Goldman, Mr. Horner, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Marootian, Mr. Rahn and Mr. McMillin