

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

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201172

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Revisions to Riders' Advisory Council Bylaws

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

This presentation outlines proposed revisions to the Riders' Advisory Council's (RAC) Bylaws.

PURPOSE:

To request Board approval of proposed revisions to the RAC's Bylaws.

DESCRIPTION:

As the RAC is a group established by and reporting to the Metro Board of Directors ("the Board"), the Board has approval authority over the RAC's Bylaws and policies.

Key Highlights:

- The Metro Riders' Advisory Council was created in 2005 and its Bylaws were approved at that time. These bylaws call for their periodic review.
- The purpose of the RAC bylaws is to provide structure to the Council's governance and guidance to the Council and Board on the RAC's mission, goals and procedures.
- The RAC undertook a bylaws review during the summer of 2014, approving and forwarding proposed revisions to Metro staff in August 2014 for additional review. Staff has concluded its review of the RAC bylaws and is making recommendations for Board approval.

Recommended changes for the Board's consideration include:

- Changes in the RAC's structure and bylaw terminology to align with the language and structure used by the Board;
- Elimination of the Hiring Committee and acknowledgement of the Board Secretary's authority to hire the RAC Staff Coordinator with input from the RAC Leadership Committee;
- Revision to the timeline for recruitment and appointment of members to allow for a more thorough onboarding process and to allow new members to more fully participate in the RAC's annual officer elections; and
- The establishment of a due process provision for any RAC member under consideration for removal from the RAC.

Background and History:

On September 22, 2005, the Board of Directors approved the creation of a Riders' Advisory Council in Resolution 2005-44 and approved a set of bylaws under this resolution. Article X of these bylaws requires that the Board of Directors periodically review the operation of the Council and modify the bylaws as appropriate. The bylaws further state that "The proposed bylaws will be made final upon approval by the WMATA Board of Directors or its designee." Previous revisions to the RAC's bylaws were adopted on January 28, 2010 in Resolution 2010-01.

Discussion:

Article X of the current Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) bylaws states, "The WMATA Board will periodically review the operation of the Riders' Advisory Council and may modify its composition, structure or bylaws. Such review shall occur no less frequently than every five years, but may occur more frequently on an as-needed basis." Outlined below are proposed major changes, along with the rationale for such changes, as identified by both the RAC and WMATA Staff for Board consideration. Other minor changes reflect new section headings that more appropriately describe the content of the material, the combining of related sections under one article for better organization of the bylaws, and the addition of a table of contents for easy reference.

Article II – The Mission Statement and Rider Goals

Both sections are modified to align with the language in the WMATA Board of Directors bylaws regarding the purpose of the RAC. The Rider Goals section is renamed as Roles and Responsibilities.

Article III – Membership

A new section entitled "Appointment" is added to clarify that it is the WMATA Board of Directors that appoints RAC members. The revision also includes the possibility of the Board seeking input from current or former RAC members in recruiting new appointees.

The "Term of Office" section now includes a schedule of appointment that changes the selection time for new appointees from January of each year to October of the preceding year. This change allows new appointees to be identified earlier and invited to join meetings (albeit without the authority to vote) so they are familiar with the workings of the RAC prior to officially joining the committee in January. In addition, the RAC elects new officers in January of each year. The earlier appointment removes the disadvantage of new members having to vote for officers at the very first meeting of the RAC without the benefit of knowing or having engaged with any of the candidates.

"Termination of Membership," previously identified as Article IV, is now incorporated as a section of Article III for better organization. Additionally, the section includes a provision that allows due process for any member that is being considered for termination to address a quorum of the RAC and offer mitigating circumstances as to why they should not be terminated. Finally, the member will have the opportunity to resign in lieu of recommendation for removal to the Board.

Article IV – Officers (formerly Article V)

This section is amended to provide cross-jurisdictional support in electing the RAC Chair by requiring a nomination be received by a member of one jurisdiction and seconded by a member of a second jurisdiction. This change prohibits members of one jurisdiction from complete control of the nomination process. Further, since Vice Chairs are elected representing each jurisdiction, such nominee would now need to receive both the nomination and second from members of their respective jurisdiction. This requirement ensures that Vice-Chairs are put forth for consideration based on the desires of the jurisdictional members they represent.

Article V – Standing Committees and Special Committees (previously Article VIII)

Modeled after the Board of Directors organization structure, this Article establishes five standing committees: Budget and Finance Committee, Customer Service Committee, Governance Committee, Program, Planning & Projects Committee, and the RAC Leadership Committee (RAC Chair and Vice-Chairs). Standing committees allow RAC members an opportunity to deepen their expertise in a functional area and better contribute to the development of the RAC's annual work plan. The proposed language also allows the RAC to dissolve any Standing Committee by a two-thirds vote of the RAC membership.

The proposal further grants the RAC Chair the ability to appoint other committees as needed with concurrence of the full RAC membership.

Article VI – Staff Support

This article, previously incorporated as a section under former Article V - Officers, now stands alone. Proposed changes clarify and expand the role of staff support and delete the existence of a Hiring Committee in the selection of the RAC Liaison. The language vests the hiring decision of the RAC Liaison with the Board Secretary, but allows for prescribed input from the RAC Leadership Committee. Because the RAC Liaison is a WMATA employee, it is imperative that the hiring decision be made in accordance with WMATA policies governing the recruitment and selection of employees. With the exception of Board direct reports at the executive level, community appointees may not serve as hiring officials for WMATA employees.

Article VII – Meetings

This article is restructured and prescribes the regularity of meetings, establishes a meeting quorum and governs how meetings will be conducted.

Article VIII – Agendas, Minutes and Rules of Conduct

This article clarifies the expectation that RAC members and citizens to ensure meetings conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner during meetings. The RAC Chair may request individuals who fail to comport with the expectation to leave the meeting or, should the offending person refuse to leave, the Chair has the authority to recess the meeting until the environment is conducive to a productive meeting.

The article also now incorporates guidelines for responding to the media as outlined by the *Protocol for Riders' Advisory Council Media Relations* adopted by the Board of Directors in November 2013.

Article IX – Other Procedures (new)

This provision allows the RAC to develop and approve other procedures or standards

as necessary to govern its operations.

Article X – Bylaw Amendments (consolidates provisions from former Articles IX and X)

This revision now includes “may” language on the frequency of the RAC bylaw review (minimally every five years) and eliminates the provision requiring the Board of Directors to review the RAC operations every five years. It is not within the purview of the RAC to mandate how frequently the Board of Directors should act.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Change to advisory council governance; no impact on funding.	
Project Manager:	Jennifer Green-Ellison
Project Department/Office:	Office of the Board Secretary

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	September 2005 - Creation of Riders' Advisory Council and approval of initial RAC Bylaws. January 2010 - Approval of revisions to RAC Bylaws. May - August 2014 - RAC input into proposed bylaws revisions.
Anticipated actions after presentation	December 2014 – Coordination with RAC members outlining the proposed and approved revisions to the bylaws.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the proposed revisions to the Riders' Advisory Council's Bylaws as reflected in Attachment A.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: December 18, 2014

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO RIDERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS

2014-66

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

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2005-44, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors created a Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) and established Bylaws for its governance; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the RAC Bylaws requires the Board of Directors to periodically review the operation of the RAC and modify Bylaws as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Bylaws further state that "the proposed Bylaws will be made final upon approval by the WMATA Board of Directors or their designee;" and

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2010-01, the Board of Directors adopted previous revisions to the RAC Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, In August 2014, the RAC initiated an internal review of its Bylaws and forwarded recommendations to WMATA staff for additional review; and

WHEREAS, The RAC Bylaws revisions include changes in the RAC structure and Bylaw terminology to align with language and structure of the Board of Directors; elimination of the Hiring Committee and acknowledgment of the Board Secretary's authority to hire the RAC Staff Coordinator with input from the RAC Leadership Committee; revisions to the timeline for recruitment and appointment of members to allow for a thorough onboarding process, including the opportunity for more informed participation by new members in the RAC's annual officer election; and the establishment of a due process provision for any RAC member under consideration for removal from the RAC; and

WHEREAS, The RAC requests a finding from the Board of Directors accelerating the effective date of these Bylaws to ensure timely implementation prior to the RAC's election of officers scheduled for January 2015, now, be it therefore

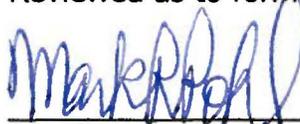
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the recommended changes to the RAC Bylaws as reflected in Attachment A; and be it finally

Motioned by Mr. Bulger, seconded by Mr. Euille

Ayes: 8 – Mr. Downs, Mr. Downey, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Euille , Mr. Dyke, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Costa and Mr. Goldman

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of Directors.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



 Kathryn H.S. Pett
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
2.3.3 RAC Policy and Procedures

**BYLAWS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RIDERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS**

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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the advisory group shall be the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Riders' Advisory Council, and may be referred to as the "RAC."

ARTICLE II

MISSION

A. MISSION STATEMENT

The RAC exists to actively seek input from a broad range of riders and organizations with an expressed interest in public transit on operational and budgetary issues that affect Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess; advise the WMATA Board of Directors (Board) on ways to resolve such issues in order to improve Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess services; advocate for riders to receive timely responses from WMATA regarding their inquiries; and recommend possible solutions to the Board and staff, based on public input, so that WMATA can effectively address the diverse needs of the riding public.

B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The RAC shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and will work with WMATA staff to:
 - a. Provide advice and recommendations to the Board on operating and budgetary issues that have a direct impact on Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess riders;
 - b. Encourage transparent decision-making by WMATA that clearly reflects riders' needs and concerns;
 - c. Seek input from a broad range of WMATA ridership;
 - d. Attend, listen and speak at community meetings to learn and represent riders' perspectives;
 - e. Collaborate with advisory groups established by WMATA, including the WMATA Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), which advises the Board on issues that impact senior citizens and people with disabilities;
 - f. Foster rider awareness of the RAC and of the opportunities available for riders to make their voices heard;

- g. Hold public forums with special focus on an issue, geographical location or targeted group as necessary to respond to riders' concerns; and
 - h. Develop recommendations that take into consideration the needs of riders throughout the Transit Zone¹ and the financial impact of different solutions on both customers and WMATA
- 2. RAC members will act responsibly and in the best interest of the communities/riders they represent by
 - a. Regularly attending and actively participating in scheduled meetings;
 - b. Gathering internal WMATA information as necessary for effective communication and decision-making;
 - c. Establishing and submitting an annual work plan for Board acceptance; and
 - d. Executing and adhering to the RAC Standards of Conduct policy.

C. COMMUNICATION WITH BOARD AND STAFF

The RAC will provide a written monthly report to the Board concerning its activities and recommendations and may send additional reports or recommendations, as appropriate. At the discretion of the Board Chair, the RAC may respond to questions or present verbal information in public session on items within the purview of the RAC.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. COMPOSITION

The RAC shall be composed of up to twenty-one members appointed by the Board: six members from each of the signatory jurisdictions in the Transit Zone, two at-large members, and the Chair of the AAC. Members of the RAC will reflect the diversity of the riding public based on age, gender, race, disability, commute patterns and geographic locations in the Transit Zone. Members should also reflect a cross-section of bus, rail, paratransit and multimodal trip patterns. Members shall not reflect the views of any particular advocacy group. WMATA employees and elected officials are not eligible for membership on the RAC.

¹ The WMATA Transit Zone consists of the District of Columbia, the suburban Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudon and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church.

B. APPOINTMENT

Candidates for appointment to the RAC will be presented to the Board for consideration and approval. The RAC Staff Coordinator, Board Secretary and other staff will assist in the recruitment process as requested. Board members may request input from current or former RAC members in recruiting new appointees; however, the Board is the final decision-maker on appointments.

C. TERM OF OFFICE

1. Length of Term

The term for each member of the RAC is three years, unless said appointment is interrupted by expiration of the term, or the resignation/termination of the RAC member. In order to stagger membership, one-third of the initial RAC members shall serve for a one-year term, one-third of the initial RAC members shall serve for a two-year term, and one-third of the initial RAC members shall serve for a three-year term, all of which were initially selected by lots. The staggering of terms shall continue with successive appointments.

2. Schedule of Appointments

- a. The Board appoints new RAC members on or about October of each year whose terms begin in January of the following year.
- b. Members may be considered for reappointment by the Board before the end of their term. The term for any reappointed RAC member will begin in January of the following year.

3. Limitation on Terms

No person shall serve on the RAC for more than four complete terms, with the exception of the Chair of the AAC, whose term shall not be limited.

D. MID-TERM VACANCY

The Board will fill any mid-term vacancy as needed through the remainder of the term. Appointments to mid-term vacancies shall not count against the four complete term limitation of RAC membership.

E. RESIGNATION

A member desiring to resign from the RAC may do so by submitting a written resignation notice to the Board through the RAC Staff Coordinator.

F. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. A member's appointment to the RAC may be terminated at a regular meeting of the Board, where a quorum is present. RAC membership may be terminated for any of the following behaviors/actions:
 - a. Omitting or materially misrepresenting information relevant to the basis of the appointment;
 - b. Refusing to execute or adhere to the RAC Standards of Conduct policy; and/or
 - c. Failing to attend regular meetings for three consecutive months or missing two-thirds of regular meetings in any calendar year.
2. The RAC may recommend in writing that the Board terminate a RAC member's term for the actions listed above following a two-thirds vote by the RAC at a regular meeting, where a quorum is present.
3. Before a vote to recommend termination of a RAC member to the Board, the RAC Chair or Vice-Chair shall notify the RAC member in writing of the basis for the termination recommendation and must provide the member an opportunity to offer mitigating factors for consideration by a quorum of the RAC. The member in question will have the option to resign in lieu of recommendation for removal.
4. Following the RAC vote to recommend termination, the RAC Staff Coordinator will notify the RAC member in question of the voting result and will forward the decision of the RAC to the Board for consideration. The termination will be effective upon approval by the Board.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

A. CHAIR

1. The RAC shall elect a Chair from its membership annually. The RAC Chair shall be elected without regard to jurisdiction. Nominations for Chair shall be made by a member of one jurisdiction and seconded by a member of another jurisdiction.

2. The RAC Chair shall lead meetings and keep order; create committees and working groups with the concurrence of the RAC; present reports to the Board and prepare and sign all correspondence, reports and other communications of the RAC. Additionally, the Chair may discuss matters of interest directly with the Chair of the Board.

B. VICE-CHAIRS

1. The RAC shall annually elect Vice-Chairs from its membership to represent each of the three signatory jurisdictions within the Transit Zone. Nominations for Vice-Chair shall be made and seconded by members from that jurisdiction. For the purpose of election and voting, at-large members shall be considered as members of their home jurisdiction.
2. Any Vice-Chair may act in the absence of the Chair. If the Chair and all Vice-Chairs are absent from any meeting and/or unable to serve, the meeting shall be called to order by the RAC Staff Coordinator. The RAC Staff Coordinator shall immediately call for the election of a Temporary Presiding Officer.
3. Each Vice-Chair shall actively communicate with the RAC members from his or her signatory jurisdiction of appointment and serve as the primary liaison for those members to suggest agenda items or other topics of discussion. Each Vice-Chair shall also communicate with members of the Board representing his or her jurisdiction of appointment, and work to maintain and strengthen the relationship between those Board members and the RAC.

C. OFFICERS' TERM OF OFFICE

1. Election of officers shall occur at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. An affirmative vote of the majority of members present is required to postpone an election.
2. Members appointed to the RAC at-large shall be considered members from the signatory jurisdiction of their primary residence for the purpose of establishing eligibility to serve as an officer of the RAC. At-large members are eligible for officer positions, except for the at-large position held by the Chair of the AAC, who is ineligible for the position of Chair of the RAC
3. The officers of the RAC shall serve for one year. No person shall serve as Chair for more than three one-year terms, except that in the event the RAC fails to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair(s) at the first regular meeting of the calendar year, the existing Chair or Vice-Chair shall continue to serve until successors are elected.

4. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a special election held by the RAC at the next meeting following the announcement of the vacancy and shall be for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. The RAC will have five standing committees. Standing committees will remain in place unless eliminated by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting announced at least one month in advance of such vote. The five standing committees of the RAC are the Budget and Finance Committee; Customer Service Committee; Governance Committee; Program, Projects and Planning Committee; and RAC Leadership Committee. Chairs of these committees will be elected no later than the second meeting of the calendar year. Standing committee Chairs may be reelected for up to three one-year terms.
- B. All RAC members are encouraged to participate on at least one standing committee per calendar year, except the RAC Leadership Committee shall be limited to the RAC Chair and Vice Chairs only as its members.
- C. The RAC Chair has the authority, after obtaining concurrence at the RAC quarterly meeting, to create other standing committees and/or special committees to address issues not within the purview of the standing committees currently in place. Standing committees and special committees will operate according to the requirements of these bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. In case of conflict, these bylaws shall take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order. Special committees shall expire at the end of the calendar year.
- D. Membership in standing committees and special committees shall be open to all members of the RAC. Upon creation of a standing committee or a special committee, the Chair shall designate an individual to convene its first meeting and conduct the meeting until the standing committee or special committee elects a Chair from among its membership.
- E. Notice for standing committee and special committee meetings shall be provided to all RAC members and the public in accordance with the procedures for notice of all regular meetings of the RAC.

ARTICLE VI

STAFF SUPPORT

- A. The Board Secretary shall designate a person to serve as the RAC Staff Coordinator. When designating the RAC Staff Coordinator, the Board Secretary will consider input from the RAC Leadership Committee. Input from the RAC Leadership Committee may include reviewing applications, meeting the final candidate(s) and providing feedback to the Board Secretary. The RAC Leadership Committee may also have input into developing the job description and the annual performance plan for the RAC Staff Coordinator. However, the final documents shall be prepared in compliance with all WMATA policies and procedures.

- B. The RAC Staff Coordinator will serve as the liaison between the RAC, the Board and WMATA staff. Additionally, the RAC Staff Coordinator will work with the RAC Leadership Committee and/or the standing committees to:
 - 1. Prepare meeting notices, agendas, meeting minutes, special reports or communication and postings as required;
 - 2. Plan and organize meetings and forums;
 - 3. Track and timely respond to written requests for information and WMATA data initiated by the RAC Leadership Team or Committee Chairs; and
 - 4. Develop an orientation package to be provided annually to new and continuing members.

- C. WMATA shall provide a specific place on its external public website for use by the RAC. The RAC Staff Coordinator shall take all necessary steps within a reasonable time to post RAC-provided information on that website. RAC postings are limited to governing documents, agendas, meeting minutes and notices of public hearings.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

- 1. The RAC shall hold at least one regular meeting per month, generally in the evening, and conduct it in accordance with these bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. In case of conflict, these bylaws shall take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Meeting agendas shall be posted on WMATA's website in the same manner as agendas posted for meetings of the Board. At least three days prior to a RAC regular meeting, an agenda shall be posted on the WMATA website, and contain a brief general description of each item to be discussed at the meeting.
3. Meetings will be open to the public, held in a location accessible to people with disabilities, and within the Transit Zone. The RAC will solicit the public to attend and directly address the RAC on any item on the agenda, before or during consideration of the item.
4. The RAC may cancel a regular meeting at any prior meeting by a majority affirmative vote of members, provided a quorum is present. Notice shall be provided to the public of the cancellation and the new meeting date if it is rescheduled.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the Chair, at his or her discretion, when the business of the RAC requires it or at the request of a majority of the membership. Notice for special meetings will conform to the requirements of notice for regular meetings and describe the purpose of the special meeting. No other business outside of the published purpose of the special meeting shall be considered at the meeting.

C. QUORUM

A majority of the appointed members of the RAC (50 percent of the membership, plus one) must be present in order to constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the RAC. No decision of the RAC shall be valid unless a majority of members present and voting concur, unless otherwise expressly stated in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

AGENDAS, MINUTES AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A. AGENDAS

1. The RAC Leadership Committee, with the support of the RAC Staff Coordinator, will prepare an agenda for regular meetings. The RAC members shall approve the agenda by vote as part of the regular monthly meeting proceedings. Members may contact any person on the RAC Leadership Committee to have items placed on the agenda. Also, during each regular meeting, RAC members will have an opportunity to suggest discussion topics for future agendas.

2. The RAC Staff Coordinator shall be responsible for distributing the final agenda and preparing or compiling the associated agenda materials for each meeting. Agenda materials shall normally be provided to the members three business days prior to each meeting.

B. MINUTES

Minutes of each RAC meeting shall be prepared by the RAC Staff Coordinator and distributed to members together with the agenda for the next meeting, including:

1. The kind of meeting (e.g. regular or special);
2. The date, time and place of the meeting;
3. The names of the RAC members present;
4. A record of all the actions considered by the RAC, identifying the mover and seconder;
5. The disposition of the action;
6. The time of adjournment.

C. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

All regular, committee and special meetings of the RAC shall be conducted in accordance with the RAC Standards of Conduct Policy and these bylaws. The RAC may also establish additional standards and approve them by a two-thirds vote of the RAC, as needed. The Chair is responsible for maintaining order in the meeting and the following standards will be observed:

1. Any RAC member desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and upon recognition of the Chair, shall speak only to the question under debate.
2. Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments during RAC regular and committee meetings. The Chair may invite WMATA staff members, consultants, community organizations, or other parties to make presentations or comments before the RAC.
3. RAC members and citizens are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner. At any time, should a RAC member or a citizen fail to adhere to this expectation, the Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair

will recess the meeting until such time as a genuine commitment to respect and courtesy is observed.

4. The RAC will coordinate all media inquiries with the Board through the Office of the Board Secretary with knowledge and direction from the WMATA Office of Media Relations. To ensure that the process for RAC members conforms with the process used by the Board, the protocol for responding to media inquiries is as follows:
 - a. If a RAC member receives an inquiry (e.g. email, telephone, etc.) from a representative of the news media or a blog requesting that the member speak or comment on matters under discussion by the RAC, or on behalf of the RAC, or if the RAC member believes that his or her comments will be construed to have been made on behalf of WMATA, the member shall notify the Office of Media Relations prior to speaking with the reporter, except in those cases when that RAC member has specific prior authorization from the Office of Media Relations.
 - b. If a RAC member is officially representing the RAC at a RAC function (e.g. public hearing, public meeting, special event, etc.) and is approached by a news media representative, the RAC member shall make every effort to respond to questions concerning that particular event or activity only. The RAC member shall make it clear that he or she is speaking for the RAC and not for WMATA. Any questions pertaining to WMATA matters, operations or policies, or other unrelated activities or events, should be referred to the Office of Media Relations.
 - c. After answering any media questions, the RAC member shall notify the Office of the Board Secretary in writing of the media interaction as soon after the conversation as possible.

ARTICLE IX

OTHER PROCEDURES

The RAC may develop and approve other procedures and/or standards to govern its operations. These procedures and/or standards will be reviewed annually and approved by the RAC no later than the second regular meeting of the calendar year.

ARTICLE X

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The RAC may propose amendment of these bylaws by a motion that is made, seconded and passed at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of its membership. The two-thirds vote shall be based on the number of persons currently holding appointments to the RAC whether present at the meeting or not. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be given to all members at the prior regular monthly meeting. The notice must contain both the original language and the proposed amending language to the bylaws. The proposed change to the bylaws will be made final upon approval by the Board. Such review shall occur no less frequently than every five years, but may occur more frequently as appropriate. The RAC may also initiate a periodic review of its bylaws.

In accordance with the bylaws of WMATA's Board of Directors,

Approved:

Revisions: V1- 2010

V2- 2014