

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202264

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The terms of seven members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) representing the three jurisdictions have expired. In addition, there is one vacancy in the District of Columbia, a vacancy in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and one Access For All vacancy.

The attached resolution seeks board reappointment of seven members currently serving beyond the expiration of their terms, and the appointment of three members.

PURPOSE:

Board approval of three vacancies on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), and Board approval of reappointment of seven members currently serving beyond the expiration of their terms.

DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Access Services (ACCS) with input from current AAC members recommended seven current committee members for reappointment and three new individuals for appointment in the attached resolution in accordance with the AAC bylaws (Resolution 2015-20). 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 2015-20; 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 April 23, 2015 under Resolution 2015-20. AAC bylaws require Board to appoint AAC membership.

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 consists of 18 regular members and two additional members recommended by the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Access for All Committee. 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 seven members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and appoint three individuals to the AAC. ACCS received input from current members of the AAC throughout the process, and now recommends the reappointment of seven existing members and three new members to the AAC.

FUNDING IMPACT:

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

TIMELINE:

- 2020 – Due to COVID, continue with the current membership.
- June 2021 - AAC Chair submits letter to the Board to appointment of a member from Maryland who represents the Access for All.
- June 2021 – AAC Chair submits letter to the Board to appointment of a member from Virginia.
- June 2021 – AAC Chair submits letter to the Board to appointment of a member from the District of Columbia.
- June 2021 – Evaluation of all the current membership of the AAC.
- June 2021 - Finalizing List of Candidates to Refer to the Board.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of the reappointment of seven existing members and three new members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Bylaws, the Board of Directors approves appointments to the AAC; and

WHEREAS, The AAC consists of 18 regular members and two additional members recommended by the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Access for All Committee; and

WHEREAS, There are three vacancies on the AAC and seven members are currently serving beyond the expiration of their terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Steve Kaffen and appoints Lucius Thomas Mangrum as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia with terms to expire in June 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Phillippa Mezile as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia with a term to expire in June 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Tino Calabria as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland with a term to expire in June 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Paul Semelfort as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland with a term to expire in June 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Marcie Goldstein and reappoints Anthony Oberg, Phil Posner, and Kelley Simoneaux as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the Commonwealth of Virginia with terms to expire in June 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Deborah Fisher as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommended by the Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Access For All Committee with a term to expire in June 2025; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That in order to efficiently continue the functions of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/ Patricia Y. Lee

Patricia Y. Lee

Executive Vice-President and General Counsel

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1.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee