

Report by Chair (A) 06-23-2022

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202372

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The term of a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) representing the three jurisdictions has expired. Two members resigned in the middle of the current term. In addition, there is one vacancy in the Maryland, and two vacancies in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

PURPOSE:

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

DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Access Services (ACCS) with input from current AAC members recommended one current committee member for reappointment and five new individuals for appointments 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 20 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. 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 one member on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and appoint five individuals to the AAC. ACCS received input from current members of the AAC throughout the process, and now recommends the reappointment of one existing member and appointment of five members to the AAC.

FUNDING IMPACT:

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

- March/April 2022 – An AAC member representing the District of Columbia resigned. An AAC member representing the Commonwealth of Virginia resigned.
- May 2022 – AAC Chair submits letter to the Board to reappoint one member from the District of Columbia, appoint one member from the District of Columbia, appoint one member from Maryland, and appoint three members from the

Commonwealth of Virginia.

- May/June 2022 – Evaluation of all the current membership of the AAC.
- June 2022 - Finalized List of Candidates to Refer to the Board.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of the reappointment of one existing member and appointment of five 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, The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Bylaws require the Board of Directors to approve appointments to the AAC; and

WHEREAS, The AAC has five vacancies among its 20 members; and

WHEREAS, The term of one member of the AAC will expire on June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Tajuan Farmer as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service expires June 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Philip Weintraub as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland, whose term of service expires June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints, Timothy Howard as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose term of service expires June 30, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Azar Attura and Sandra Neuzil as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose terms of service expire June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Rico Dancy as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service expires June 30, 2026; 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

Executive Vice-President and General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:

1.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee

PROPOSED