

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202015

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

There are five vacancies on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) representing four of the jurisdictions.

Staff outreach, recruitment, and selection using Board-approved criteria yielded the five individuals recommended for approval in the attached resolution.

PURPOSE:

Board approval of the appointment of five individuals to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

DESCRIPTION:

To recruit members, staff conducted outreach; interviewed applicants; and selected five individuals to be recommended 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 to be appointed.

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, with two additional 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:

In order to draw a substantial, qualified, disability diverse applicant pool and recruit members, staff engaged in targeted outreach to the disability community including advertising on Metro's website; a press release; a recruitment table at monthly AAC meetings; and outreach by AAC members. These efforts yielded 20 new applications, and staff facilitated interviews by AAC members of 7 candidates. Additionally, well-qualified candidates from previous recruitments were also considered.

FUNDING IMPACT:

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

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2018 - Announcement to the AAC about the 2018 Recruitment Process • May 2018 - Public announcement and Press Release • June/July 2018 - Candidate Reviews and Interviews • August 2018 - Finalizing List of Candidates to Refer to the Board
Anticipated actions after presentation	Upon approval, the individuals will begin their terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval of the appointment of five individuals to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, There are five vacancies on the AAC: one from the District of Columbia, one from the State of Maryland, and three from the Commonwealth of Virginia; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Deborah Cotter to the AAC from the District of Columbia to serve a term set to expire in June 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Melanie Jackson to the AAC from the State of Maryland to serve a term set to expire in June 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Erin Coneys, Christina Kurdes, and Steven McGann to the AAC from the Commonwealth of Virginia each to serve a term set to expire in June 2022; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately so that new appointees can participate in the AAC's October 2018 monthly meeting.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel