

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
**Board Action/Information Summary**

☒ Action ☐ Information

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Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**Presentation Name:**

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

**Project Manager:**

Sharma, Anu

**Project Department:**

System-wide Accessibility

**Purpose/Key Highlights:**

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

The AAC helps WMATA staff enhance accessibility by providing feedback on customer facing aspects of Metro services. The appointments and reappointments of the candidates will right-size the AAC members, representing the local jurisdictions.

Board approval of the reappointment of three existing members and appointment of two new members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee is requested.

**Interested Parties:**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

**Background:**

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 older adults and persons with disabilities and organizations with an expressed interest in public transportation for older adults 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 older adults 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 older adults 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:**

Systemwide Accessibility confirmed the qualifications of the current committee members of the disability community in order to reappoint three members and appoint the two new members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). Systemwide Accessibility received input from current members of the AAC throughout the process, and now recommends the reappointment of three existing members and appointment of two new members to the AAC.

**Funding Impact:**

No impact on funding.

**Previous Actions:**

See Resolution.

**Next Steps:**

Upon approval, the individuals will begin their terms.

**Recommendation:**

Approval to: Board approval of the reappointment of three existing members and appointment of two 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 three vacancies among its 20 members, and three members who are currently serving beyond the expiration of their terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Steve Kaffen as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service will expire on June 30, 2028; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors hereby reappoints Thomas Mangrum as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service will expire on June 30, 2028; 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, whose term of service will expire on June 30, 2028; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Susan Bowmaster as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose term of service will expire on June 30, 2025; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors hereby appoints Susan Radt as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose term of service will expire on 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,

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Patricia Y. Lee  
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,  
and General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:  
1.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee

PROPOSED