

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

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Number:
205558

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

Presentation Name:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

Project Manager:

Kiano Hill

Project Department:

Access Services

Purpose/Key Highlights:

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

Interested Parties:

No parties with a financial interest in this action.

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 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 five members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). ACCS received input from current members of the AAC throughout the process, and now recommends the reappointment of five existing members to the AAC.

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.

All applicants were given full and careful consideration.

Funding Impact:

No impact to funding.

Previous Actions:

See resolution.

Next Steps:

Upon approval, the individuals will begin their terms.

Recommendation:

Approval to: Board approval of the reappointment of five existing members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: July 28, 2023

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2023-21

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reappoints Tajuan Farmer as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service expires June 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reappoints Darnise Bush as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the District of Columbia, whose term of service expires June 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reappoints Vanessa Coles as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland, whose term of service expires June 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reappoints Denise Rush as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland, whose term of service expires June 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors reappoints Patrick Sheehan as a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the State of Maryland, whose term of service expires June 30, 2027; and be it further

Motioned by Mr. McAndrew, seconded by Dr. Hadden Loh

Ayes: 8- Mr. Aguirre, Mr. McAndrew, Dr. Hadden Loh, Ms. Rai, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Drummer, Ms. Worth and Ms. Martin-Proctor

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,



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

WMATA File Structure No.:
1.1.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee