

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202075

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

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

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

PURPOSE:

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

DESCRIPTION:

To recruit members, the staff conducted outreach; interviewed applicants; and selected two 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:

Staff engaged in an effort to identify qualified members of the disability community in order to fill two vacancies on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). Staff received input from current members of the AAC throughout the replacement process, and now recommends the appointment of two 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, Director, Office of ADA Policy and Planning, and Managing Director, Access Services
Project Department/Office:	ACCS

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	- February 2019 - Member from the District of Columbia announced resignation from the AAC. - February 2019 - AAC Chair submits letter to the Board to appointment a member from DC who represents the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community. - March 2019 - Member from Virginia announced resignation from AAC. - April 2019 - 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 two individuals to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2019

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 2011-09 requires approval of the Board of Directors for appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC); and

WHEREAS, The AAC has two vacancies among its 18 Board-appointed members;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Kelley Simoneaux representing the Commonwealth of Virginia with a term to expire in December 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby appoints Rico Dancy representing the District of Columbia with a term to expire in June 2022; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That, in order for the AAC to conduct its business in an orderly manner, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel