

**Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners**  
**Growth and Operations Committee Meeting**  
**January 26, 2015**

The Virginia Port Authority (“VPA”) Growth and Operations Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting on January 26, 2015, in the VPA’s Conference Room, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia. Chairman Diamonstein called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following were then in attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Alan A. Diamonstein, Chair  
Jennifer D. Aument, Vice Chair  
J. William Cofer  
Val S. McWhorter

Committee Members Absent:

Martin J. Briley  
Faith B. Power

Board Members Present:

John G. Milliken, VPA Chairman  
John N. Pullen, VPA Vice Chairman  
Gary T. McCollum

VPA Staff:

John F. Reinhart, CEO/Executive Director  
James Bibbs, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Cathie France, Chief Public Affairs Officer  
James W. Noel, III, General Counsel  
Nina Malone, Vice President, Business Analysis & Strategy  
Russell Young, Vice President, Economic Development  
Joe Harris, Vice President, Communications/Spokesman  
Chris Gulickson, Economic Development Manager  
Bill Burkett, Director, MIRT and Emergency Operations  
Carla Welsh, Director, Creative Services and Brand Management  
Debra J. McNulty, Clerk to the Board

VIT Staff:

Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer  
Thomas D. Capozzi, Chief Sales Officer  
Shawn Tibbetts, Chief Operations Officer  
Matthew Barnes-Smith, Vice President, Strategic Planning

Guests:

Bill Ralph, R. K. Johns & Associates

Mr. Ruddy conducted the safety briefing.

**Motion for Closed Session**

At 2:00 p.m., Mr. Diamonstein asked for a motion to go into closed session. Motion was made by Mr. McWhorter to go into closed session in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of Code §2.2-3711(A)(38), and the provisions of §62.1-132.4, to discuss

proprietary information and data furnished to the VPA in confidence, as it relates to strategic planning and marketing of the Port's terminal facilities, operations metrics and customer agreements, shipper support initiatives, rail and gate volume statistics and initiatives, ocean carrier contracts, and customer information relating to certain beneficial cargo owners of the Port, and break-bulk throughput; and pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(5), to discuss prospective Port-related businesses or industries or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community, as well as the requirements of § 2.2-3711(A)(6), to discuss or consider the investment of public funds relating to the strategic plan of The Port of Virginia where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interests of the VPA would be adversely affected."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Milliken.

**End of Closed Session**

At 3:45 p.m., the Growth and Operations Committee came out of closed session and the following resolution was read by Mr. McWhorter:

"Whereas, the Virginia Port Authority Growth and Operations Committee had convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Committee members that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Growth and Operations Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Milliken and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operation Committee members, Chairman, and Vice Chairman, as follows:

Ayes: 6 (Aument, Cofer, Diamonstein, McWhorter, Milliken, Pullen)

Nays: 0

Absent During Vote: 2 (Briley, Power)

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There were no public comments and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra J. McNulty  
Clerk to the Board