

Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners
Growth and Operations Committee Meeting
September 21, 2015

The Virginia Port Authority (“VPA”) Growth and Operations Committee (“Committee”) held a meeting on September 21, 2015, in the VPA’s Conference Room, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia. Chairman Diamonstein called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The following were then in attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Alan A. Diamonstein, Chair
J. William Cofer
Val S. McWhorter

Committee Members Absent:

Jennifer D. Aument, Vice Chair (arrived 20 minutes after the vote to convene the closed session)
Martin J. Briley
Faith B. Power

Board Members Present:

John G. Milliken, VPA Chairman
John N. Pullen, VPA Vice Chairman
Kim Scheeler
Deborah C. Waters

VPA Staff:

John F. Reinhart, CEO & Executive Director
James Bibbs, Chief Human Resources Officer
Cathie France, Chief Public Affairs Officer
Rodney W. Oliver, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph P. Ruddy, Chief Innovation Officer
James W. Noel, III, General Counsel
Matthew Barnes-Smith, Vice President, Strategic Planning
Carla Welsh, Director, Creative Services and Brand Management
Debra J. McNulty, Clerk to the Board

VIT Staff:

Thomas D. Capozzi, Chief Sales Officer
Shawn Tibbetts, Chief Operations Officer

Guests:

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr., Secretary of Transportation
Brice Fiske, Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Ruddy conducted the safety briefing.

Motion for Closed Session

At this time, Mr. Diamonstein asked for a motion to go into closed session. The motion was read by Mr. McWhorter, “to go into closed session in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the requirements of §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, organizational and operations metrics and customer agreements, engagement surveys, shipper support initiatives, rail and gate volume statistics and initiatives, ocean carrier contracts, and customer information relating to certain direct and indirect Port users, including beneficial cargo owners, shipping lines, and supply chain partners, and break-bulk throughput; and pursuant to the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(1), the personnel exemption, to discuss the performance metrics of certain POV employees; and pursuant to §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.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Diamonstein.

End of Closed Session

At 3:47 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 Ms. Aument and passed by a roll call vote of the Growth and Operation Committee members, and the Chairman, and Vice Chairman (ex officio members), as follows:

Ayes: 5 (Diamonstein, Aument, Cofer, McWhorter, Milliken, Pullen)

Nays: 0 Absent During Vote: 2 (Briley, Power) Absent During Meeting: 2 (Briley, Power)

There were no public comments and the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra J. McNulty
Clerk to the Board